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MacDougall

**on loose,
Waddle to
play here**

**Former Liverpool
striker Alan Waddle
wants to come to
Australia.**

Newcastle and West Adelaide are reported to be interested in signing the 6ft 3ins forward.

Waddle started with Halifax Town where he made 29 senior appearances before joining Liverpool where he played 16 games.

Leicester City bought him for about \$200,000 but he played only 11 senior games before moving on to Swansea for about \$100,000.

At Swansea he scored 34 goals in 90 games and then it was off to Newport County, which just has given him a free transfer.

Former England International Mike Channon also is on a free.

Ted MacDougall meanwhile, remains on the market after his attempt to join South Melbourne Hellas failed.

Hellas found it could not sign him after all because it already had its full quota of visa players.

State League club Sunshine City has made him an offer and Heidelberg also was showing interest last week.

MacDougall 33, has an impressive record, having been top scorer in the English First Division while with Norwich City in 1975-76.

His major feats have been: With Bournemouth: fifth-highest scorer in the English Third Division with 21 goals in 1968-70; top scorer in Fourth Division with 42 goals in 1970-71; top scorer in Third Division with 35 goals in 1971-72.

With Norwich City: top scorer in First Division with 23 goals in 1975-76.

With Southampton: equal fourth with 23 goals in Second Division, 1976-77.



Cameroon's Thomas Nkono — star goalkeeper of the World Cup.

WORLD'S BEST?

"Soccer Action's" all-star World Cup team, chosen according to individual performances in the series:

Manuel AMOROS (France)	Gaetano SCIERA (Italy)	Karl-Heinz FOERSTER (W. Germany)	Bernd FOERSTER (W. Germany)
Bruno CONTI (Italy)	SOCRATES (Brazil)	ZICO (Brazil)	Alain GIRESE (France)
Paolo ROSSI (Italy)	Zbigniew BONIEK (Poland)		

NIGEL LOWNDS BASHED



Brisbane Lions goalkeeper Nigel Lownds (left) is unlikely to play again this season after he was bashed at a Brisbane Hotel.

Lownds is in hospital with a broken nose, jaw, and cheekbone. He also required surgery after Doctors at one stage feared he may lose his sight in one eye. He will be in hospital for another two weeks.

The incident happened after Lownds went to the hotel for a drink after training last Thursday week. It is a tragic blow for the keeper as he was playing well and was only six games off his 100 for Lions.

Police are investigating the incident and Lions officials are now formulating fund-raising plans to help Lownds' family.

VSF to go it alone, 8-nation Cup planned

\$110,000 for the Cosmos

Victoria again has shown courage that other States lack by accepting a tour by the New York Cosmos which will cost about \$110,000.

VSF chairman Michael Weinstein says he will go to New York to sign a contract with Cosmos on August 7 and that Cosmos will be here in October.

If they play only one game, in Melbourne, a crowd of about 25,000 would cover costs.

Weinstein grabbed Cosmos after the ASF executive first voted not to accept the tour because the \$50,000 match fee sought by the Americans was too high.

Cosmos had told the ASF they want at least two games at \$50,000 each, plus accommodation. An additional \$5000 has to be paid for each match if Franz Beckenbauer plays.

Beckenbauer, presumably, would be a guest player with Cosmos on the tour. He left Cosmos to join Hamburg in West Germany but retired just before the World Cup.

If the VSF takes over full responsibility for the tour, it will try to persuade at least one other State to stage a match against them, to help defray costs.

If may offer Cosmos at a lower match fee, and split the profits from any game interstate.

Weinstein is banking on the Cosmos' popularity being still



Vladislav Bogicevic

as high as it was in 1979, when they drew a crowd of about 50,000 to the Sydney Showgrounds for their match against Australia.

Cosmos still has a star-studded line-up including Vladislav Bogicevic (Yugoslavia), Wim Rijsbergen, Johan Neeskens (Holland), Georgio Chinaglia



Wim Rijsbergen

(Italy), Carlos Alberto (Brazil), Eskandarian (Iran), Steve Hunt (England) and Cesar Romero (Paraguay).

Victoria probably will field its State team against Cosmos but ASF secretary Brian Emery said this week that the Socceroos also would be available, if the VSF wants to use them.

The Socceroos may get a match against the United States national team late this year. The US is planning a world tour, but it has yet to confirm that the tour will take in Australia.

Meanwhile, it is almost certain that China, the US and Canada will participate in the ASF's proposed Pacific Cup invitation tournament in late 1983 or early 1984.

Leading officials of all three countries told Emery during his visit to the World Cup finals in Spain that their countries are eager to compete.

Mexico is seeking approval from its federation executive and New Zealand also has agreed in principle.

Two other teams also will compete: Japan or South Korea, and Hong Kong or Chile.

Long wait, now this...

The left leg of South Melbourne Hellas goalkeeper Lou Tsigras is fractured in three places after last Sunday's match against Newcastle KB United at Middle Park.

Tsigras was rushed to St. Vincent's Hospital when he was injured in a collision with Newcastle's David Lowe.

Tsigras played in Hellas's senior team a few times when the club was still in the State League but had to wait six years before getting another chance a few weeks ago.



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Who are the top

David Nixon, Stefan Mila best of the newcomers?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

According to Ametco Travel's Player of the Year voting here is the best Victorian State League line-up after 15 rounds:

BILL WHITESIDE (Falcans)		
Stefan MILA (Polonia)	Paul DRINOCZKY (Frankton)	David NEALE (Falcans)
Gary CUTLER (Albion)	Dave RIGBY (G. Cross)	Ken SMART (Albion)
Dave GIBSON (Wilhelmina)	Gus MACLEOD (Ajax)	Ken MURPHY (Croftie)
Stan WEBSTER (Doveton)		

Melbourne Croatia star Kenny Murphy (right) about to play it safe and push the ball back to his goalkeeper Peter Blasby.

Green Gully Ajax is tipped by most pundits to clinch its second successive Victorian State League championship and with good cause.

Manager-coach Bobby McLachlan and his fine squad are perched on top of the league with 10 games left. The early season neck-and-neck tussle at the top between Ajax and Melbourne Croatia ended a few weeks ago when Croatia surprisingly was beaten by improving Ringwood Wilhelmina and exciting State League newcomer Morwell Falcans.

It seems that Ajax has too much class to throw away its lead but only time will tell. As Ajax maintains its momentum toward the title we look at the top players in the league according to voting in our Ametco Travel award for the State League Player of the Year. Here are the top three votegetters in each position, the club they represent and their number of votes after 15 league games:

GOALKEEPER

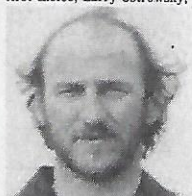
BILL WHITESIDE (Falcans) 12
Leszek Dzielakowski (Polonia) 9
"Rocky" Tachiris (George Cross) 9

It's now common knowledge that Morwell Falcans is much stronger up front than they are at the back. That's no denigration of the developing central defensive combination of Sandy Irvine and John Higham.

Nonetheless, especially early in the season while Falcans were finding their feet in higher competition, the experienced Whiteside often was called upon to pull off spectacular saves. One game stands out, against Polonia at

Raleigh Reserve, where Whiteside stood firm against the awesome shooting power of Big Alex Marshall, and earned a 10 rating. No other State League keeper has been rated that highly this season.

Polonia's man mountain, Leszek Dzielakowski, currently lies in second spot. He was a seemingly permanent fixture earlier this season but fell out of favor with the club. He's still there, playing in the reserves and no doubt current first choice, Larry Ostrowsky,



Lou Denys

knows that he only has to slip up once and the experienced Dzielakowski will be back in goals. Dzielakowski played for Polish club Motor Lublin for eight years, five as captain.

Next in line comes George Cross keeper "Rocky" Tachiris, the most promising young keeper in the league.

Tachiris relies a lot on his lightning quick reflexes. He's not tall but very brave and was with Northcote until joining George Cross earlier this season.

It's a sad fact of awards that the voting format often stops fine keepers in good sides from standing out.

For my money there's no better keeper in the league than Lou Denys of Ajax. Sometimes his hardest job on match day is maintaining his concentration as Ajax's well drilled defence averts most opposition attacks.

RIGHT BACK

GARY CUTLER (Albion) 9
PETER THURLLOW (Doveton) 9
Grant Smart (Falcans) 6

Albion Rovers coach Frank Munro speaks highly of his young import, brought out from England earlier this season.

Cutler's good defensively but excels at going forward and Munro hasn't stifled that quality probably because Albion could do with more bite in attack.

Doveton's Peter Thurlow never has won the recognition he deserves. He was with the Doves in First Division and made the jump to State League look easy. This tall defender also can get forward and he's very good in the air. Thurlow also is a great competitor.

Grant Smart is with his third State League club. He started with Croatia, moved to Ajax and was snapped up by Falcans last year.

Peter Lewis of Ajax doesn't figure in the first three but without doubt he's the most feared right back in the league.

He earned an unenviable reputation for being a hatcher man with Sunshine and Altona but his footballing qualities have blossomed in his two seasons with Ajax. He turned

down an offer from South Melbourne Hellas earlier this year.

Juventus rightback Vince Bannan can't be left out of any discussion concerning players in this position.

The budding defender joined Juve this year from South Melbourne Hellas and he's been his usual dependable self. He doesn't seem to surge forward the way he did at Hellas but he still is one of the best right backs in the state.

STOPPER

PAUL DRINOCZKY (Frankton) 18
George Bozakis (Northcote) 15
George Hannah (Hellas-Hakoah) 12

Young Drinoczky is in his first State League season and stands out in a struggling side. He tried out with Juventus, Crofton and George Cross before joining Frankton from Melbourne earlier this year.

George Bozakis could be placed in just about every position here except goalkeeper. He's been used by Northcote all over the field but probably played most of this season's league games in a central defensive position. He previously was on Hellas's books as a forward.

He's got close ball skills to burn. If a criticism can be levelled at him it's that he can try to do too much with the ball. Nonetheless, he's a fine servant to a club which hasn't been overpowered with stability in recent times.

Scotsman George Hannah gives little away. He's a dour but dependable stopper. Give

him the job of marking someone and he'll never let his opponent get clear. He's a consistent performer for Hellas-Hakoah. He tackles as if his life depends on it.

Ajax's Stuart Cannell isn't in this trio. He should be.

Since crossing from Altona City at the start of last season his reputation has grown quickly. Not only is he dominant in the air and ferocious in the tackle he also likes to knock the ball about, he's a complete footballer.

Rob Gramsbergen of Sunshine could win the club's best and fairest award. His consistency is amazing and he's blotted out the finest strikers in the league this season. Like Doveton's Thurlow, Gramsbergen is one of the unsung stars of the league.

SWEEPER

STEFAN MILA (Polonia) 18
Graham Tutill (Frankton) 12
John Gardiner (Ajax) 9

Polonia's Stefan Mila is one of the most talented players to be imported to the State League in the past decade.

There's no better sweeper in the league. He stands alone, quite classy John Gardiner of Ajax, arguably the most complete footballer in the competition.

Mila comes from the Vardja club in Poland and he's played an important role in Polonia's success this season, its first back in State League after a spell in First Division.

There's not much to add to the accolades Gardiner has received in a distinguished career in Victorian soccer which started in the late 1960s.

Unfortunately for Australian soccer Gardiner never reached the heights at national team level that his distinctive talents deserved. His coaching ability is well known and is odds on that he'll carve out a large niche in this area in years to come.

Graham Tutill has been a minor revelation for Frankton since succeeding Robbie Stewart in the sweeper's role.

Tutill was the subject of a tug-of-war between Frankton and George Cross last year and he is highly respected by his peers. It's been said that he's got the best left leg in the league.

LEFT BACK

DAVID NEALE (Falcans) 9
Sean Parton (Croatia) 6
Harry Hird (Juventus) 6

Irishman David Neale arrived here earlier this season and already has shown himself to be a class defender.

His small build adds to his terrier-like image as he wins tackle after tackle. He never lets up.

Sean Parton was in the soccer wilderness last year with JUST. He spent most of his time with JUST's Second Division side and progressed little after a fine junior career highlighted by his part in the Victorian youth team which won the national title in 1979.

It was with Frankton City in 1980 that Parton earned a reputation as a fine attacking fullback.

He joined Croatia early this year and has been one of its most consistent performers. He's strong physically, closes down well and recovers quickly. Indeed, he has all the qualities which suggest that he can go on to a higher standard in the future.

Juventus leftback Harry Hird is having a fine season. The tall, glib defender loves to get forward down Juve's left and he's contributed greatly to the consolidation of his club's State League status.

RIGHT MIDFIELD

DAVE GIBSON (Wilhelmina) 9
Dave Nixon (Northcote) 6
Roger Bain (Sunshine) 6

Two newcomers are making the biggest impression in this position.

Both Gibson and Nixon arrived this year.

Gibson has been most consistent. His club, Ringwood Wilhelmina, is the most improved in the league after a disastrous season last year and no doubt it's due to the talents of Gibson and the other Wilhelmina newcomers.

Irishman Nixon is a class performer. He's from Lindfield and was regarded as one of the best midfielders in the Irish League.

Don't be surprised to see him snapped up by a PSL club next season.

Roger Bain started off up front for Sunshine this season but was switched back into an attacking midfield role as joint coaches Steve Gaw and Ray Pocock looked for the combination which would halt a minor slump.

Bain came here from England last year. He's sharp and runs off the ball well. He hasn't got among the goals in a big way this season, nevertheless he's a fine attacking player.

CENTRE MIDFIELD

DAVE RIGBY (George Cross) 12
Joe Tront (Wilhelmina) 12
Jozo Antolovic (Croatia) 9

Dave Rigby is in the middle of a goalscoring bonanza. It's unusual to have a midfielder challenging for the top scorer's award but the former Mooroolbark, Adelaide City and Hakoah star is enjoying his best season for some time.

Rigby seems to ghost into scoring positions from deep. It's amazing how much space he can find inside the opposition area. If his present scoring feats continue not only will he win his club's top scorer award but he may finish as the leading scorer in the league.

Joe Tront is a former state player who joined Ringwood Wilhelmina from Croatia this season. Tront is the playmaker at Wilhelmina because of his great vision and disposal. He also has excellent close control and a hell of a shot.

Croatia supporters are well pleased with import Jozo Antolovic.

This tall, cultured player is in his first Australian season and is young enough to carve out a fine career for himself here.

LEFT MIDFIELD

KENNY SMART (Albion) 9
Jim Train (Doveton) 6
Kevin Swinscoe (Juventus) 6

Albion's blond headed midfielder Kenny Smart has been used up front and in midfield this season.

He probably doesn't know it but he has quite a few admirers among the State League coaching fraternity.

Jim Train, with the exception of a player-coaching stint in Second Division with Waverley City a couple of seasons back, has been a permanent fixture of State League soccer for more than a decade.

What a tremendous competitor the little midfielder or defender is.

Juventus midfielder Kevin Swinscoe didn't set the State League scene on fire earlier this season but to his credit he's turned in some fine performances recently.

He played in that great Frankston City side of 1979 and was in Brighton ICL's all conquering side in the Tasmanian State League last season. Swinscoe's at his best going forward and he's got a powerful shot.

RIGHT STRIKER

STAN WEBSTER (Doveton) 9
Bobby Toal (George Cross) 6
Peter Loughnane (Croftie) 6

Stan Webster probably has been Doveton's best player this season. That's no mean feat considering that the Doves are struggling and lack bite up front.

Webster joined Doveton

from Hellas-Hakoah this season and the little Scot has been a fine acquisition.

Bobby Toal has many admirers. He also has riled a few opposition coaches.

He's the best "diver" in the league and some coaches think that he also "sucks in" referees which usually results in defenders getting booked. These coaches though are quick to point out that Toal is a tremendous striker.

Toal's close control and his sharpness inside the opposition area make him a difficult man to suppress. He's in the option year of his contract with George Cross and there's a maximum transfer fee of \$4500 on his head. What's the betting that he's snapped up by a PSL club next season?

Peter Loughnane has been plagued by injury this year but he still is among the best right sided strikers in the league.

He's lightning fast and can really crack a ball. He's also a fierce competitor and has given Crofton great service.

Gus Macleod

CENTRAL STRIKER
GUS MACLEOD (Ajax) 9
Janusz Przybyla (Polonia) 6
Joe Carroll (Wilhelmina) 6

Gus Macleod now is well established as one of the most prominent characters in the game in Victoria.

It's not just his goalscoring feats which have earned him praise from friend and foe alike. He also is a real character both on and off the field.

The big man played professional football in Scotland before coming to Ajax last year. He was the leading scorer in State League in his first season and could make it a memorable double this year.

Janusz Przybyla is the best striker in the league according to Polonia fans.

He came here from Motor Lublin this year and it hasn't taken opposition defenders long to acknowledge that if given half a chance Przybyla will score.

He represented Poland at under-21 level against Norway and Czechoslovakia.

Ringwood Wilhelmina striker Joe Carroll also is in his first Australian season.

The muggety Carroll probably scored his most important goal so far when he grabbed the winner in Wilhelmina's upset victory over Croatia a few weeks ago.

LEFT STRIKER

KENNY MURPHY (Croatia) 6
Eddie Gray (Hellas-Hakoah) 6
Tony Heery (Juventus) 6

Everyone but everyone knows that Kenny Murphy could make a name for himself in the PSL.

He's in his mid-20s and he's the best left sided attacking player in the state as far as I'm concerned.

The muggety Carroll probably scored his most important goal so far when he grabbed the winner in Wilhelmina's upset victory over Croatia a few weeks ago.

He prefers to play in midfield where he enjoys more freedom. We'll hear a lot more about him in the future.

Little Tony Heery often looks like he's got the ball on a string.

There's no better ball player in the league. Unfortunately for Juventus supporters Heery's season has been interrupted by injury and suspension but he'll be back in a black and white strip soon.

Honeyman hits the heights again

The emergence of Graham Honeyman as a leading goalscorer in the Philips league this year is a justified reward for a good, hard working clubman.

Honeyman has been with West Adelaide since the start of the Philips league in 1977.

I in fact signed him from Sydney City and took him to Adelaide, along with Alan Bourke (ex-Canberra and Monaro now with me at Banks-town), and Malcolm Haynes the giant goalkeeper who now is a fixture at Sutherland.

Honeyman is a Scot who represented his country at young Scotland level.

He was a stylish striker who subsequently was converted to a midfield player.

It is as an attacking midfielder that he has made his mark in recent seasons always playing stylishly with his elegant running with the ball and snatching the odd goal here and there.

This year he has been moved



Mike Johnson

back up front and has 12 goals, putting him up with the competition's top scorers.

Finishing has not been Graham's greatest forte, even though he has good kicking skills with either foot and is an excellent header of a ball.

He lacked the true strikers real greed for goals often being content with making good runs off-the-ball and setting others up for goal chances.

Whether Alan Vest, the latest of a long line of coaches whom Honeyman has experienced at West Adelaide, has brought about a change in approach, or it is "just one of those seasons" where things go right for a player, it is hard to say from my base here in Sydney.

Whatever, it is good to see, and is evidence once again that there is no substitute for the

good, talented, experienced player.

At a time when the cry all around us is "youth! youth!" it is nice to see the success coming the way of Honeyman who has seen so many ups and downs at West Adelaide.

It would be interesting to try and recall the number of coaches under whom Honeyman has played during his six years at West Adelaide. Starting with myself in 1977, there next was Billy Birch, followed by Tom Forde, both local men.

They were followed by John Margaritis and Jim Adam, and then came the return of Birch — that sounds like a good name for a melodrama and as always there was plenty drama during Billy's second reign, until he was succeeded by Peter Jaksa who in turn finally made way for current incumbent, Alan Vest.

It was in season 1978 under



Graham Honeyman

Margaritis till the half way stage, and then Jim Adam, that Honeyman experienced a high highlight in his career.

That was the year that West Adelaide lifted the Philips league title and Honeyman was a big factor in the win along with fellow midfielders, Peter Boyle and Neil McGachey.

Boyle and Honeyman the two skilful, hard running and competitive Scots flanked linkman McGachey, whose hard tackling and accurate long passing provided just the service the two Scots needed.

The title win was a remarkable achievement when you consider that when Adam took over in mid season the team was below half way.

In the lean years since those heady days, Honeyman and goalkeeper Martin Crook have given consistent, skilful performances while everything else was crumbling around them and the club was threatened with relegation and some said, even possible extinction.

Now these two stalwarts are joined again by Neil McGachey, finally recovered from a crippling injury and under West Adelaide's inspection of new talent the club seems to be at last out of the dark tunnel where it spent the last two gloomy years.

If West Adelaide makes the top four it would top off most satisfying season for Honeyman.

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stars in NSW and Victoria?

Parker, Walker, Jones are Riverwood's striking trio

By ALEX VESIC

Croatia is streaking away from the rest of the field and will no doubt take the chequered flag with rounds to spare. Following its victory over Manly at Tomislav Park it is more evident than even that Croatia will run away with the premiership.

Melita, Canterbury and Blacktown are Croatia's next opponents, before the last three games of the competition with Bankstown, Rockdale and Avala almost certain to provide Croatia with a six point finishing bust.

It is no wonder that the side is at the top. Every player is in with a chance of finishing the season amongst the top three in the state in each position.

It is about "three quarters" time in State League and possibly time to review the efforts of the top players. The following appraisal was assembled with the help of our State League correspondents—George Streeter, George Dick, Fred Parker, Roger Dewick and Cyril Carruthers.

GOALKEEPER

1. ZIGGY KALINOWSKI (Polonia)
2. Steve Watson (Croatia)
3. Mal Haynes (Sutherland)

It was an easy choice for the top goalkeeper in the State League, with Ziggy Kalinowski head and shoulders above the rest. His reach and reflexes coupled with immense experience was the dominant force behind Polonia's number of drawn games this year.

With Polonia unable to score goals with the ease of some State League clubs, much of the hard work fell to Kalinowski and Galas at the back with Kalinowski certainly the man responsible for the position his team is enjoying at the moment.

Steve Watson, experienced and agile, conceded only seven goals in 18 matches. Unheralded and unsung by most observers, Watson has been one of the most consistent keepers for years and deserves his place amongst the best.

"This guy should be barred from goalkeeping. He is just too big for that small space between the posts," commented a disgruntled supporter of Canterbury, after his side went down to the Sharks at Arlinton Oval.

This gentle giant, who you may find leaning against the crossbar rather than the goalpost is largely responsible for his team's fine defensive record.

RIGHT BACK

1. ROB WHEATLEY (Blacktown)
2. Brett Woods (Croatia)
3. John Lemmyrk (Avala)

Robbie Wheatley, one of the youngest ever players to represent Australia at senior level, is running hot this season and looks destined to

As the run it commences to the end of the NSW State League seasons here is an all-star line-up compiled by "Soccer Action" correspondents:

Ziggy KALINOWSKI (Polonia)	Keith SCHUMANN (Sutherland)	Glen STERRY (Croatia)
Rob WHEATLEY (Blacktown)	Tony GALAS (Polonia)	Nell WILLIAMS (Avala)
Ray FARRUGIA (Melita)	Marian KOVACIC (Croatia)	Terry JONES (Riverwood)
Brian PARKER (Riverwood)	Barry WALKER (Riverwood)	

"score" yet again in the representative side whenever we assemble the national team.

Brett Woods is another example of Australian youth bubbling with skill and waiting for a chance to prove himself amongst the best. The scorer of two goals this season, Brett is keen to go forward and try to score.

John Lemmyrk, only 20, shows tenacity, speed and even striking power. At one stage he was asked to play in the striking role and quickly joined the leaders in the competition with four goals after only four rounds. However, Avala's backline showed gaps and Steve Lalic had to bring his youngster back to the full back position.

LEFT BACK

1. GLEN STERRY (Croatia)
2. Michael Quarmby (Blacktown)
3. Micky Berry (Riverwood)

Tall, elegant and dedicated, Glen Sterry is streets ahead of the rest of the field in this position and certainly a fullback to catch the eye of the national selector, not just the State team coach.

What about young Quarmby though?

His coach, Rale Basic is absolutely certain that a great future stands before this young lad. He has the speed, tenacity and packs a powerful drive which could make him Australia's Paul Breitner before long.

Micky Berry, the man who usually plays on the right flank, completes the trio on the "wrong" side of the field for a simple reason—he is one

Since his return to the side, Sutherland managed to go seven games without defeat and now is a serious challenger for the top four. He makes a splendid combination with Vic Dalfovo and should come close to winning a number of awards this season.

Billy Pilovski has earned the praise of most coaches in the league, with his ex-coach, Kaz Kulak being the most optimistic: "He will play for Australia one day," said popular Kazzi about Pilovski.

David Coleman can play in most positions, either up front or at the back, but I feel that his best position is as sweeper, since he has the natural ability to defend and eagerness to come forward after possession is attained.

CENTRE MIDFIELD

1. MARIAN KOVACIC (Croatia)
2. Peter Falconer (Manly)
3. Michael Cross (Melita)

One of the finest midfielders around, Marian Kovacic is most unlucky not to have caught the eye of a PSL outfit until now. In most soccer circles it is an accepted fact that Kovacic would be an acquisition to any PSL outfit, yet no moves have come from the quarter to enable him to entertain spectators at national club level.

He has exceptional acceleration, almost a must for any midfielder, a good turn, a quick eye and a fair shot.

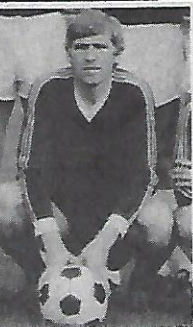
Peter Falconer started off slowly during the Ampol Cup but quickly gained fitness during the opening rounds of the State League to become Manly's pivot with good positional sense and distribution. Apart from Smith and Doyle, he certainly is the man most responsible for Manly's success so far.

Michael Cross, an acquisition from Sydney Olympic has made an impact at his new club. A strong runner, quick on the turn and one of the most willing tacklers, he is the main reason behind Melita's hope of a late revival in the closing stages of the competition.

RIGHT MIDFIELD

1. RAY FARRUGIA (Melita)
2. Houssein Housseini (Blacktown)
3. Steve Meades (Sutherland)

One of the longest serving players at Melita and certainly the darling of its supporters, Farrugia continues to entertain, score goals and provide distribution with the same artistry year after year. Despite



Ziggy Kalinowski

the poor showing by Melita this year, most club supporters will be looking to this talented man for miracles in the closing rounds of the competition.

"Harry" Housseini, the ex-Iranian international, has had a patchy career on Australian shores. He is exceptionally skilful and his jinky runs can provide many a team with an opening at the right time. Unfortunately the injuries sustained by this classy player in the last couple of months have kept him out of the game too long.

Steve Meades, still young yet one of the "old brigade" at Sutherland, keeps turning up the goods for the Sharks season after season. He looked set for a PSL career a couple of years back, but decided to stay at Cronulla where one plays more for the love of the light blue shirt than many other benefits associated with the game.

LEFT MIDFIELD

1. NEIL WILLIAMS (Avala)
2. Wally Savor (Croatia)
3. Tom Mihajlovic (Yugal)

All three players selected in this position stem from the "old brigade" with Neil Williams slightly the most productive.

Williams came back after a long lay-off and took some time to settle, but soon showed why Avala made sure he stayed there this season. Apart from his tremendous work

rate and good skills he has shown scoring prowess so far this season.

Wally Savor, after leaving Croatia for a season, is back and despite strong challenges is the most consistent performer in his side. He is also a keen attacker with three goals to his credit so far.

Tom Mihajlovic has also scored three goals. Almost every time he scores it's a goal to remember for Mihajlovic is still one of the most polished players on the ball with rare dribbling ability.

RIGHT STRIKER

1. BRIAN PARKER (Riverwood)
2. Branko Karanfilovski (Avala)
3. Stuart Regan (Manly)

It was very difficult splitting this trio. Karanfilovski still remains one of the fastest players in the league and had been on target with his shooting boots this season. He would have had no hesitation in placing him at the top, but he has missed far too many easy ones and for that reason misses out on top spot.

Brian Parker with quite a few goals this season and service which has netted his team mates many others still is my pick after so many years of playing in the league.

Stuart Regan, just like Karanfilovski, has scored a handful of goals but has played with success on both flanks and provided the service which the "old fox", Terry Smith cherishes.

CENTRAL STRIKER

1. BARRY WALKER (Riverwood)
2. Terry Smith (Manly)
3. Mark Holloway (Avala)

Barry Walker is vying for top scoring honors with Brian Parker, but as Attie Abonyi suggested "Had he played all the games this season it would have been a different story."

After nine appearances he scored 10 goals and that is the mark of a good marksman.

Terry Smith, sporting a wider midriff nowadays has lost one of his touch since his move from Sydney City to the

surf side of Manly. After scoring nine goals in 13 matches this season, Terry went on a prolonged holiday to Spain which proved a big loss for Manly. I am sure that Micky Jones would welcome his striker back with open arms.

Mark Holloway is the new King of Mona Park. He scored eight goals in eight games since round five to lift Auburn almost single handedly from the cellar of the league to a respectable middle of the table position. He is one of the youngest strikers about and has immense potential.

LEFT STRIKER

1. TERRY JONES (Riverwood)
2. Graeme Arnold (Canterbury)
3. Ian Heywood (Monaro)

Terry Jones is still amongst the best in the league. Parker, Walker and Jones have amassed well over 75 per cent of Riverwood's goals so far. This exceptional scoring power keeps Riverwood in with a chance of making the top four.

Graeme Arnold has outscored Ross Brown this season, something nobody expected at Arlinton Oval. But let me assure you that it is no fluke and there is more to come from this winger-cum-central striker of Canterbury.

Ian Heywood, the batter from the A.C.T. has done his side proud this year. He hasn't made a big impact as a goal scorer, but he has been the primetarget of most clubs who tackle Ian Monaro. Despite that kind of attention, Heywood constantly is receiving race reports.

Well, that's the way my fellow correspondents and I see the allstar NSW State League line-up.

Many fine players have missed out but remember that our selections are based on who we believe has been the best player of the season.

There are many reasons why good players may not enjoy the best of seasons and who knows, when we compile our all-star feature at the end of the season, some of those who missed out here may have jumped back right into the lineflight.



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AEK Athens (Greece) v FC Cologne (W. Ger)

AS Roma (Italy) v Ipswich Town (Eng)
Athletic Bilbao (Spain) v Ferencvaros Budapest (Hungary)

Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia) v Zurich (W. Ger)
PS Kupplo (Finland) v Anderlecht (Belgium)

Slask Wroclaw (Poland) v Moscow Dynamo (Soviet)
Lyngby (Denmark) v Brage Borlange (Sweden)

Vorwarts Frankfurt (E. Germany) v Wacker Bremen (W. Germany)
Dundee United (Sct) v PSV Eindhoven (Neth)

Moscow Spartak v Arsenal (Eng)
Stal Mielec (Pol) v Lokoren (Bel)

Carl Zeiss Jena (E. Ger) v Borussia Dortmund (W. Ger)
Glasgow Rangers (Sct) v Viking Stavanger (Norway)

PAOK Salonika (Greece) v Bochum (France)

Unii Craiova (Romania) v Fiorentina (Italy)
FC Sevilla (Spain) v Levski Spartak Sofia (Bulgaria)

Pezoporikos Larnaca (Cyprus) v FC Zurich (Switz)
Kaiserslautern (W. Ger) v Trabzonspor (Turkey)

FC Sarajevo (Yugoslavia) v Slavia Sofia (Bul)
AK Graz (Austria) v Humodova Corintul (Romania)

Dynamo Tbilisi (Soviet) v Napoli (Italy)
CUP-WINNERS' CUP (Qualifying Round)

Aberdeen (Sct) v Slavia Sofia (Bul)
Waterschei (Bel) v FC Barga (Port)

First Round (last 32)
Lillestrom (Nor) v Red Star Belgrade (Yug)

Barcelona (Spain) v Apollon Limassol (Cyprus)
Moscow Torpedo (Soviet) v Bayern Munich (W. Ger)

Bale Mare (Rom) v Real Madrid (Spain)
Austria Vienna (Austria) v Panathinaikos (Greece)

Internazionale Milan (Italy) v Slovan Bratislava (Czech)
Tottenham Hotspur (Eng) v Coleraine (N. Ireland)

IFK Gothenburg (Swe) v Ulpest Borussia Dortmund (W. Ger)
Limerick (Ire) v AZ'67 Alkmaar (Neth)

Kuusysi 69 (Finland) v Galatasaray (Turkey)
Winner of Swansea-Brage v Slavia Wroclaw (Pol)

Paris St Germain (Fra) v Lokomotiv Sofia (Bul)
Winner of Aberdeen-Slon v Dynamo Tbilisi (Soviet)

CHAMPIONS CUP (Qualifying Round)
Dynamo Bucharest (Rom) v Valerenga Oslo (Norway)

First Round
Standard Liege (Bel) v Rabe Eto Gyoev (Hum)

Dynamo Berlin (E. Ger) v SV Hamburg (W. Ger)
Hvidovre Copenhagen (Den) v Juventus Turin (Italy)

Grasshoppers Zurich (Switz) v Dynamo Kiev (Soviet)
Liverpool (Eng) v FC Dundalk (Ire)

Glasgow Celtic (Sct) v Ajax Amsterdam (Neth)
AS Monaco v CSKA Sofia (Bulg)

Antoni Villa (Eng) v Bealistas Lezh (Turkey)
Viktoria (Czech) v Real Sociedad San Sebastian (Spain)

Avenir Beggen (Lux) v Rapid Vienna (Austria)
Hibernians Valletta (Malta) v Widzew Lodz (Pol)

Omonia Nicosia (Cyprus) v JK Helsinki (Finland)
Winner of Dynamo Bucharest-Valerenga v Dukla Prague (Czech)

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'We've played on the principle: Stop a goal at the back and God help us up front,' Uli Stielike

Quotes that will go down in history

"We're always disappointed when we lose," finished No.1 in the Quotes of the World Cup — but fortunately there were some priceless nuggets.

"I lost all for France" ... French winger Didier Six after missing a vital penalty against West Germany in the semi-final shootout.
"I know it often looks as though he is gripping on the pitch but that is certainly not the case" ... Soviet manager Konstantin Beskov talking about Oleg Blokhin on June 30.
"Blokhin spent more time talking than playing" ... Beskov after the Soviets went out four days later.
"I am not going to become a bourgeois capitalist if that's what people think" ... Poland's Zbigniew Boniek discussing his future life with Juventus in Italy.
"Italy attacked and we

simply could not adjust to their unusual style of play" ... Argentine manager Cesar Luis Menotti after his team's 2-1 defeat.
"Of course I would love to see us attack and entertain. I certainly don't give specific instructions to defend when we go one goal up — that just comes naturally to an Italian" ... frustrated Italian boss Enzo Bearzot.
"It's hard to believe Brazil are out. They were the best team in the World Cup" ... Pele.
"El Dumbo" ... Northern Ireland's players' description of their team hotel outside Madrid.

"We've played on the principle: stop a goal at the back and God help us up front," ... West German defender Uli Stielike.
"All (Ramsey) got rid of wingers because when they didn't get the ball they stood around and picked their noses" ... England manager Ron Greenwood.
"If, once in your life, you've got a chance to play in the World Cup Final, you'd play on one leg" ... injured West German captain Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.
"We don't want to take the 1982 World Cup away from Colombia but if they cannot do it we are prepared to hold it in the United States" ... Henry Kissinger.
"It's the end of a cycle of Argentine football, eight years of hard work which history will judge" ... Menotti.

"In this sad World Cup the winners are FIFA and the publicity people ... the big loser is Spain" ... Spanish newspaper Diario 16.
"The English supporters seemed to be on the verge of provoking the Spanish fans and police" ... Madrid police official.
"I'm ashamed as a Spaniard and as the man in charge of security by the disproportionate intervention of some policeman" ... city councillor Jose Barriobeneo after British fans were ejected from a bar outside the Bernabeu stadium.



Yugoslavia's Zlatko Vujovic (right) tries to keep the ball in play under pressure from Domingo Drumond of Honduras. Yugoslavia won 1-0.

World Cup 'plays second fiddle'

From Stephen Dettre

Respected world soccer authority Dettmar Cramer blames Europe's overcrowded schedules for the many disappointing performances at the World Cup.

Cramer, a former FIFA staff coach, from 1974 to 1977 the boss of West German club Bayern Munchen and now coach of Bayer Leverkusen, is an old friend of Australian soccer, having made several visits on behalf of FIFA.
"Everybody is surprised at West Germany's poor displays, but they forget that the team had nine days to prepare for the World Cup," Cramer said.
"The domestic season and

the European Cup commitments stretched into early June and the World Cup began on June 13.
"No wonder players like Paul Breitner, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and Manfred Kaltz were far from their best form.
"Much the same applies to England and Spain and all the other western European countries.
"The truth is that domestic interests overshadow the World Cup and there is very little hope that this will change.
"After all, it is clubs like Bayern that enable players

like Breitner and Rummenigge to get rich, not playing once every four years in the World Cup," he said.
Cramer has travelled on FIFA's behalf, more widely than any other coach. But what he has seen has not persuaded him away from sharing the prevailing European view that soccer in Africa, Asia and Australasia is not ready for the big time.
"Sure they can play one or two good games at the World Cup," Cramer said.
"But that's all, really.
"The World Cup is a test of endurance, not just skill. The Europeans and South

Americans are much better at pacing themselves through a tough tournament.
"They also have the experience to draw on when they really need to win or draw.
"In the first round the Italians needed only to draw with Cameroon to qualify — and they got their draw.
"The Germans needed to win against Austria, and despite the disgraceful manner in which they played, they got their win.
"I think it will be a long time before the Africans, Asians and Arabs can challenge the established soccer hierarchy.
"The Europeans and South Americans still have a high level of skill

How the powerful pull the strings

About 41,500 fans packed the tiny Sarria Stadium here to watch Italy and Argentina play in their second-round World Cup game.

More than a thousand fans were stranded outside. Judging from the 15,000 or so Italian fans at the game, many of whom just drove over for a few days, it would have been pretty easy to sell out the cavernous Nou Camp Stadium, about a 10-minute walk away across the great Avenida de Lladriana.

The day before the Argentina-Italy game, about 5,000 fewer fans were scattered throughout that 105,000-seat stadium — said to be Europe's largest — to watch Poland play Belgium.

Poland and Belgium are interesting teams and played an entertaining game. But these two teams just do not draw well outside of Warsaw and Brussels. So why not simply switch stadiums or play both games in Nou Camp, since there was nothing going on there anyway?

Welcome to the world of FIFA and international soccer politics.
FIFA, known universally by its French acronym, has 140 member nations.

Belgium, backed by the Soviet Union, which was in the same second-round group, refused to go along with FIFA president Joao Havelange's idea to switch the stadiums the two Barcelona groups were playing in.

Havelange reasoned, logically, that the group comprising Italy, Brazil (Havelange's native country) and Argentina would sell many more tickets than the group with the Poles, Belgians and Soviets.

Besides the fact that tens of thousands of Italians and Brazilians were here for the cup, Argentina's young superstar Diego Maradona would be playing for FC Barcelona next season, and there obviously was more than passing local interest in his performances.
These second-round groups were pre-arranged and concocted by men who reasoned that Argentina would win its first-round group and end up in the Nou Camp group for the second round.

They also reasoned that Italy would win its group and provide a fairly strong second draw in the Nou Camp section. The Belgians and the Poles spoiled that by finishing ahead of the favorites, and the Belgians, already angered that England had been selected as one of the six pre-tournament seeds ahead of them, fought back, sending its national soccer association chairman to FIFA headquarters in Geneva to argue the point.

"If you look at it from a sporting point of view, you have to admit that Belgium had a right to be upset," pointed out Belgian journalist Francois Colijn, who is not known as a yes-man for his country.
"On a sporting basis you have to remember that Belgium was a finalist in the last European championships and then, after all, they beat Argentina here and played to win their group, precisely so they could have their games in prime time at the Nou Camp stadium."
However, Colijn noted, the British have

From JOE RITCHIE IN BARCELONA

a special role within FIFA, and so "someone came up with this propaganda stunt — why not make the five former World Champions and the host country the six seeds?"

That idea went over big with the Spanish tournament organisers, who interpreted it as the five old World Cup winners plus the new one. As for Britain's special FIFA role, it is interesting on another level, and also explains why the British have four separate FIFA members: England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales — and all but Wales qualified for this year's World Cup.

FIFA is historically very sensitive about Britain's role, since in the 1920s, '30s and '40s it withdrew from the world body twice for a total of 24 years for political reasons and England didn't even bother to join FIFA until 1955, when the international group was well into its second year.

The other three British countries waited until 1910. What gives the British their power within FIFA today is the continued strength of the autonomous but closely related International Football Association Board, which has four members each from each of the four British FIFA "countries", and four from the rest of the world.

Even for those years when Britain was out of FIFA, one form or another of that arrangement continued. The Board is important because it controls the rules of the game, organises and runs international tournaments and regulates the movement of players between countries.

So the Belgians didn't have a prayer of being seeded ahead of England for the World Cup, despite their better performance in recent years, and they weren't about to be inconvenienced by a last-minute stadium switch.

Fortunately for them, the Soviets were just as stubborn about not switching, which brings up another interesting aspect of FIFA politics.

Much like the International Olympic Committee and the United Nations — both of which, incidentally, have fewer members — FIFA is increasingly dominated by a Third World and Soviet Bloc majority.

Even the International Board makes decisions on rules and tournaments, the whole body votes on things such as membership, how many teams will be in the World Cup, where it will take place, and so on.

In recent years, there has been much evidence of the increasing politicization of world soccer. Currently, South Africa is out of FIFA for political reasons and Chad is out because it cannot pay its dues. Taiwan, after years of membership, is out and China is in after a move that was tied with another power play that saw Israel expelled from the FIFA-associated Asian Football Confederation.

Since then, Israel has been shopping around for another regional confederation



Algerians wave Spanish bank notes, accusing West Germany and Austria of having pre-arranged their 1-0 scoreline which put both of them into the second round at the expense of Algeria.

to join, but so far it has been unsuccessful. The Europeans turned the Israelis down, citing logistical problems, but did let Israel — which is still a member of FIFA — participate in a European qualifying group for the World Cup.

There are other ways in which politics affects the World Cup scene. Josef Huber of Vienna's 'Kurier' newspaper described four instances where penalty kicks were either called or denied in questionable instances: "the referee carried hometown Spain into the second round, and kept two penalties from the Soviet Union so Brazil wouldn't stumble in its first game."

The coach of Scotland's eliminated team, Jack Stein, wondered about refereeing assignments even before the tournament started, worrying that the American referee assigned his first game with New Zealand might be short of international experience. Then questioning how neutral one could expect a Latin referee to be in Scotland's match with Brazil and an eastern European referee in its encounter with the Soviet Union.

Since refereeing assignments are by nature so political, you might expect that the FIFA officials who make these assignments might study their history and political science a bit more closely.

Surely the Austrians were surprised when for their second-round match with France, the referee was Hungarian and the two linesmen were a Czechoslovak and a Yugoslav — all three officials from countries that not all that long ago were part of the Austro-Hungarian empire.

It would have been simple enough to assign Latin Americans or Third World officials, but who is to say what considerations went into choosing that group?

Finally, FIFA is important as the final arbiter of any disputes that arise, and one of the most heated ones revolved around the scandalous performance of Austria soccer that West Germany and Austria put on during their first-round encounter.

The Germans won, 1-0, ensuring both teams a place in the second round ahead of the popular Algerian team which defeated West Germany and Chile. The Algerians lodged a protest, demanding that both teams be fined and that they be placed in the second round.

Italy breaks boredom barrier

It is little wonder that European fans are staying away from soccer in droves. Some of the second round matches played in the World Cup were abysmal in terms of entertainment and this is the type of thing that is turning away the fans. England versus West Germany, USSR versus Poland, and USSR versus Belgium are three examples.

One would expect, and should get, far better performances from teams such as these. They all have so-called 'world class' players who are paid enormous salaries but, watching the games mentioned made me wonder how some of them earn their ratings and salaries. Admittedly, it was extremely hot in Spain but these players are full-time professionals in peak condition and they should be able to perform.

It was at times embarrassing to go to work and confront colleagues who are not soccer fans but who got up to watch some of the 'Live' matches. It is difficult to proclaim the virtues of the game when one sees games of such poor quality. The ABC should be commended for bowing to public pressure to show more



By WALTER PLESS

matches 'Live', but I think they may have picked the wrong group. Groups C and D provided far more interesting games.

Some of the second round matches shown 'Live' had me doing something I thought I would never ever do. I actually ended up reading the morning paper and doing the crossword puzzles while the matches were in progress!

At least I managed to solve the puzzles, which was more than some of the teams could do. They were simply unable to solve the puzzles confronting them on the field and presented us with dull spectacles indeed.

It is pointless to talk of changing the laws of the game to make the game more exciting. That is up to the players. The ball is clearly at their feet and if they can control it, it is up to them to play it. The Brazilians, despite their elimination at the hands of Italy, and some of the lesser lights of

the tournament, showed the world how the game can and should be played.

These commentators who, prior to the World Cup, were bemoaning the fact that there were 24 finalists, including minnows such as Algeria, Honduras and New Zealand, must be eating their words.

Apart from El Salvador's opening debacle, all the minor nations acquitted themselves well and showed that they deserved to be in Spain. They at least tried to play football, which was more than can be said of some of the so-called 'established' soccer countries.

It was sad to see Brazil eliminated. The Brazilians certainly were the revelations of the tournament. The Brazilian players have enormous natural ability and they are not afraid to use it. They play as if they're playing five-a-side in a park.

BRAZIL'S STILL THE BEST

By DAVID PONSOMBY

round and but for the freak loss to Italy would have been acclaimed, most probably, as world champion.

In the United States, the World Series decides the "World Champion" baseball team and the National Basketball Association champion also is decided after a series of matches. Usually, both teams win some matches. If just one game decided the result, either team could have won. In Brazil, the national consciousness has been dealt a mortal blow because of one result.

As Italy proved in the final game of stage two, even the league, involving three teams, may come down to the result of one match. West Germany benefited from a similar situation, with England being eliminated without defeat.

Brazil was the outstanding team of the World Cup first round and but for the freak loss to Italy would have been acclaimed, most probably, as world champion.

Five Italian players contributed nine shots at goal.

Rossi scored three goals from five shots, a tremendous personal performance.

Brazil created a chance from every other attack.

Italy created a chance from every third attack.

Brazil scored 15 goals in five World Cup matches (three per game).

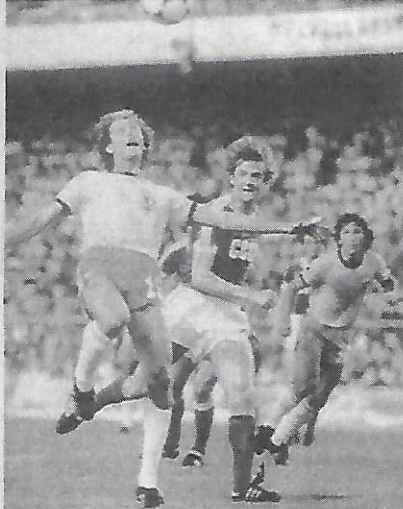
Italy scored 12 goals in seven World Cup matches (1.7 per game).

In conclusion, Italy received an extraordinary scoring boost from Rossi and Brazil scored slightly less than usual. On the day the best team lost!

Zico wins his showdown



Brazil's Zico turns in triumph after putting his team one up against Argentina. The goalkeeper is Ubaldo Filloil.



Brazil's Falcao (left) — a left leg as delicate as an artist's brush.

Booby prizes

The Cerda Town Council in Italy has awarded 2,500 artichokes to El Salvador for conceding most goals during the first round of the World Cup.

Another 2,500 of the vegetables are to be given to Jean-Luc Ettori of France, as the goalkeeper who let in a goal soonest after the kick-off of a first-round match.

Artichokes are the principle product of the Cerda region and the council announced before the tournament that it would make the two awards. El Salvador conceded 13

goals and scored only one during its three matches. Ettori failed to stop a shot from England's Bryan Robson only 27 seconds after the start of the England-France match. The Salvadorans' prize will be handed over to the country's Embassy in Italy and Ettori will collect his award at Christmas, when a delegation from Cerda visits Monaco where he plays.

More attacking play needed, says FIFA

TOP officers of the Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA) have called for "more offensive play" and better stadium conditions to reverse declining attendance at soccer matches.

In a report prepared for FIFA's congress last Friday in Madrid, FIFA president Joao Havelange and general secretary Sepp Blatter also denounced "exorbitant" prices paid for some soccer players.

"It has often been said that football is experiencing a crisis now, but this does not seem to be the case, fortunately, if football is considered at the world level," said the report, signed by Mr Havelange and Mr Blatter.

But the document noted that since football is "an integral part of our social structure, it is affected by economic recessions."

"By a stroke of luck, football has not yet suffered too much from this phenomenon," it said. But it added that many individual clubs are in financial difficulty.

It charged that many financial problems stem from "exorbitant prices paid for the transfer of certain players" that "only increase the financial burdens of clubs which are faced with another curse of our times: less spectators."

Within this context, it should be said that it is up to football to react to this disinterested attitude by offering the general public more

attractive and pleasing performances, in other words, more offensive play and more comfort in the stadium," the report said. It also said that holding matches in winter hurts attendance.

The first International Congress of Sports Law ended its proceedings with an appeal for world soccer's governing body to adopt a uniform disciplinary code.

The two-day congress also decided to meet again next year in Mexico during the world youth soccer championships there.

The session said a uniform code accepted by the Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA) would be "an opportunity and a convenience" for the sport, in which rule violations are punished by a wide variety of sanctions in different countries.

Several countries at the congress submitted detailed drafts of possible regulations, including stepped-up penalties for violence on the field. Mexico called for campaigns to improve player conduct and to convince fans that "neither the player nor the referee is your enemy."

The congress, organised by the Royal Spanish Soccer Federation, attracted representatives from some 30 FIFA nations.

Giresse, Nkono, Rossi among best of series

From ROBERT PHILIP

Reputations were won and lost in Spain over the four weeks of the World Cup.

Diego Maradona and Zico provide the perfect example. They came to the World Cup like two gunslings riding into town for a showdown — the title of the "greatest footballer on earth" at stake.

The little Brazilian in the famous number 10 shirt was the man remaining on his feet at the end.

He finished the tournament with four goals from five games to his credit but, more importantly, his every touch was a joy to behold.

Maradona's best remembered contribution will be the red card he received from a crude hack at Brazilian substitute Batista as the 1978 winners made their exit.

The stocky Argentine gave fleeting glimpses of his undoubted talent but the Barcelona bank manager must have serious doubts about the club's \$7.55 million acquisition.

Zico was not the only Brazilian star who shone brightly. Italian exile Falcao, who has a left leg as delicate as an artist's brush, seemed to come up with a little masterpiece every time he gained possession and it is obvious why he is so adored by the Roma fans. After Brazil, France probably was the most entertaining of the 24 finalists and tiny midfielder Alain Giresse earned the accolade of "the player of the tournament" from former West German captain Franz Beckenbauer.

Luis Guevara Mora, on the other hand, arrived and departed unannounced. The party was spoiled for the 20-year-old El Salvador goalkeeper when Hungary rattled 10 goals past his despairing arms on his World Cup final debut.

Mora, who was in danger of straining his back muscles, gained the dubious distinction of being the goalkeeper who has made the most visits to the back of his own net in the history of the 12 finals. Like Maradona, Wilfried Van Moer did not have a good World Cup. The 37-year-old Belgian midfielder found his legs simply could not carry out the instructions issued by his computer-like football brain in the exhausting Spanish heat.

The balding veteran will not be around in 1986 but the World Cup will see few of his like again.

Poland's Grzegorz Lato, with even less protection from the sun up top than Van Moer but five years younger, was not the flying winger of 1974 when he finished top scorer in West Germany.

But he could still show a turn of pace when required and formed a formidable partnership with Zbigniew Boniek, who looked a player of genuine world class when he scored a memorable hat-trick in the 3-4 defeat of Belgium.

Boniek, however, who will play for Juventus in the Italian league next season, missed the semi-final against Italy because he picked up two yellow cards along the World Cup road. Northern Ireland striker Gerry Armstrong, who in terms of sheer class does not share the same profession with the likes of Zico, was one of the heroes of the World Cup.

Armstrong, who spent much of last season on the substitute's bench with promoted English second division side Watford, earned a host of admirers for his honest and never-say-die approach. He also helped the Northern Irish to gain an unexpected place in the second phase with three splendid goals.

Lakhdar Belloumi and Salah Assad left Algeria as unknowns outside the continent but put that right by scoring the goals which dumped mighty West Germany 2-1 in their opening match.

It may not be long before Belloumi, African sportsman of the year, fulfils his dream of a move to a European club.

As usual, goalkeepers were to the fore. Cameroon's Thomas Nkono was voted number one after the first round but the Soviet Union's Renat Dasayev was generally regarded as the best in the world.

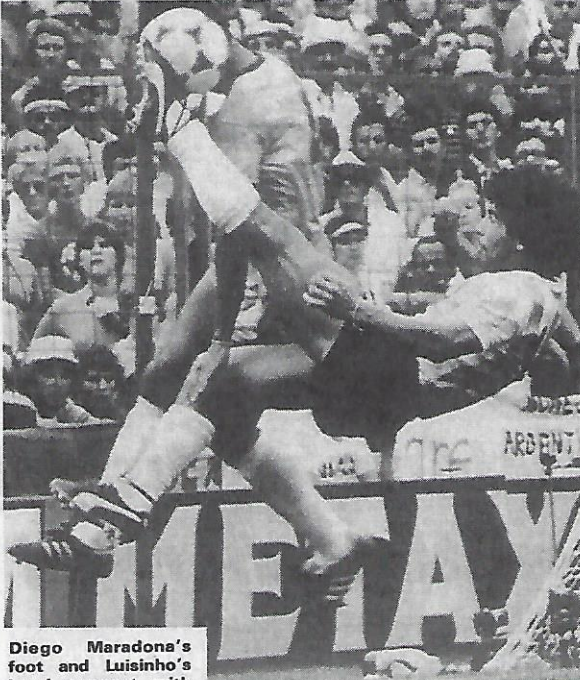
But it was England's Peter Shilton who came away with the best record. After conceding a goal in the 24th minute of the opening game against France he kept clean sheets against Czechoslovakia, Kuwait, West Germany and Spain — a total of seven hours six minutes.

The World Cup, and Italian football in particular, will forever be indebted to the avuncular Enzo Bearzot.

After years of banging his head against the Italian defensive wall, Bearzot finally convinced his players that their glorious talent could make them successful and fun to watch.

In the past, Italy has been as bleak as an English holiday resort during the rainy season. Under Bearzot, the sun finally came out.

Paolo Rossi, too, played his part in the Italian renaissance. He completed a two-year suspension for his alleged role in the Italian betting scandal in April and showed the world just what it had been missing.



Diego Maradona's foot and Luisinho's head connect with the ball at the same time. Maradona later was sent off. The Argentinian showed only flashes of the brilliance that has made him worth almost \$8 million.

Remember Coelho?

Brazilian referee Arnaldo Coelho who was in charge of the World Cup Final also refereed the final World Youth Championship between Germany and Qatar in Sydney last year.

Coelho, 39, a physical education teacher, who has been an international referee since 1988, refereed at the Olympics in 1976 and at the last World Cup finals in Argentina.

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— 146 goals in 52 matches, average 2.8 per game (1978 average 2.6, record average 5.3 — 1954).
— Leading individual scorer: Paolo Rossi (Italy) six.
— Most individual goals in one match: Rossi, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (West Germany), Zbigniew Boniek (Poland), Laszlo Kiss (Hungary) three.
— Highest team aggregate in finals: Brazil 15.
— Highest team score in one match: Hungary 10 v El Salvador.
— Highest match aggregate: 11 (Hungary 10 El Salvador 1).
— Best goalkeeping record: Peter Shilton (England) 428 minutes without conceding goal.
— Fastest goal: Bryan Robson (England) 27 seconds (v France first phase).
— Players sent off: 5 — Jan Vizek (Czechoslovakia), Diego Maradona (Argentina), Americo Gallego (Argentina), Gilberto Yearwood (Honduras), Mal Donaghy (Northern Ireland).

Brazil lacked coaching? Ridiculous!



Giacinto Facchetti (left) is too slow to stop Brazilian wizard Jairzinho in the 1970 World Cup final. At right is Italy's Burginich (No. 2) trying to keep a tight rein on Pele.

By DAVID PONSONBY

There's no country in the world which can match the technical and practical application of coaching and tactics employed by Brazil.

The Brazilians have a technical committee which amasses volumes of literature on the game, on physiology, on opposing players and even referees!

Hours are spent practising set plays and trends contrary to the comments on ABC TV from Liverpool striker Craig Johnson.

BBC football presenter and ex-Arsenal and Scotland goalkeeper, Bob Wilson, attended a Brazilian training session en route to Argentina in 1978. Watching free kicks bend around a row of dummies he volunteered to get a "goalie's eye view". He spent most of the time picking balls out of the back of the net! He had never experienced shots of such venom or precision. "Natural" players do prac-

tice and do organize themselves tactically. The World Cup is not a travelling show like the Harlem Globetrotters.

After digesting masses of literature the next step for the Brazilians is to communicate ideas to their players.

The Brazilians found players did not relate to thoughts and crosses on blackboards! They did to coloured discs or bottle-tops with their numbers on.

The best idea was to show the players with photographic colour slides the tactical deployment of the opponents.

As many as three coaches from the technical committee would take photographs of opponents.

The key to the 1970 World Cup final was a slide showing a ball passing behind the heels of

David Ponsonby, Master of Education and Research Director for Neutrus, answers claims in last week's "Soccer Action" from former Soccerway goalkeeper Jack Reilly that "it is blatantly clear that it was lack of coaching that cost Brazil its rightful place in the (World Cup) final. The Brazilians are a team of brilliant individuals, badly coached." Ponsonby has first hand knowledge of the coaching methods and tactics employed by Brazilian teams over the past 20 years. Here he examines some of them.

Italy's unconcerned Facchetti who was watching his man, Jairzinho had played the 1970 World Cup as a right winger, even though his club position was closer to centre forward. Against Italy he took his marker, Facchetti, to the unfamiliar territory of inside left. Other players, notably right back Carlos Alberto, were encouraged to exploit the vacant space.

Claudio Coutinho was a member of the Brazilian Technical Delegation in 1970, along with Zagalo, Carlos Alberto Parreira and Chirri.

The training methods of the 1970 outfit have been published both internally in Portuguese and internationally through the 1970 F.I.F.A. Technical Report. Unfortunately neither has a wide circulation. The reports were prepared

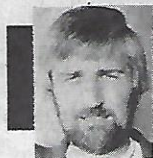
and contributed by Carlos Alberto Parreira. Parreira is a professor of physical education from Brazil and studied at a German football coaching course as well as travelling through England. He and Coutinho are fluent in several languages and study literature on fitness and football from all over the world. Much of the material derives from the Hungarians, most conveniently available in English in Arpad Sanadi's "Soccer". Some of the physiology has been up-dated from American, Scandinavian and Russian sources. Cooper, Astrand and Ozolin are well-known names to these coaches. To say that Brazil suffered in this World Cup from a lack of coaching not only is a gross oversimplification it also is false.

Victoria's missing out on the talent at AIS

The topic of import/export players will continue to be discussed in soccer circles in Australia. The imported players have done an excellent job in cementing foundations on which the modern game has been built.

Everybody agrees that the time is ripe to produce our own players and in doing so we can establish our own standard in relation to the international scene.

Currently we are competing internationally with players who are international only by Oceanic standards. These



TIM WHITE
Victorian coaching director

same players have placed Australia on the world soccer map but we must now establish that position and then build on it.

The size of our country certainly makes it difficult to involve the whole nation in national competitions but all states must now look at involving their best youth players in competition against each other.

If one looks at the current,

Australian youth squad it can be seen that NSW and the Institute of Sport provides the majority of players. One would expect the AIS to provide a number of players as these players have been hand-picked to enter the Institute in the first place.

Added to this of course is the professional environment there and the everyday expert coaching of Jim Shouler and Ron Smith.

Most of the boys from NSW have tasted Philips League competition. They include Robbie Slater, Ray Vilestra, Graham Fletcher and Tom McCulloch.

Their path top the Philips League is more circuitous because of their club's participation in the Philips Youth League. They can compete against the best players at their own level and also play with and against a certain percentage of experienced players who are currently out of the first teams.

Our youth players in Victoria have to be exceptional before they are risked in our Philips League or State League teams.

I use the word "risked" on purpose because of the pressure our coaches work under to obtain results, which of course very often hampers the cause of development.

Most of our best youths are hidden away in lower division teams and with respect to all concerned are generally not receiving the further education they now need.

Very few clubs in Melbourne have the capacity to employ a specialist youth coach as there is no competition to help justify it.

I was recently in Canberra studying the organisation of a coaching academy for junior

players and whilst there, spent some time at the Institute of Sport.

Two Victorian youth players are at the Institute, John Michaelis and Marcello Salvo.

Both are performing excellently for the AIS youth team. Marcello Salvo in particular, who was a member of the Victoria youth team, has improved beyond recognition and is attracting a lot of attention in NSW.

Have any Victorian teams bothered to check on the progress of this youngster, in fact do they know he exists? Do the Victorian teams know that a number of the Institute boys are not signed with clubs and obviously will be available on departure from the Institute.

NSW clubs are constantly viewing these boys and are well aware of their ability and progress. Victorian clubs would be well advised to set up a system of monitoring the progress of these talented youngsters.

Provision must be made in Victoria for youngsters outside of the Institute to play in a competitive environment suited to their needs. They must be nursed through that environment so they are prepared for the jump to their respective first teams.

The present climate of lifting players from lower Metropolitan League divisions to Philips League or State League is not good enough. The gap is too wide and I venture to suggest that the progress of those players in the lower leagues is not very well observed or monitored by the upper echelons of the coaching staff at the respective clubs.

It is heartening to see youngsters like Chris Bekiaris and Claude Avian of Heidelberg and Con Opatow of Preston making Philips League debuts.

Those youngsters have achieved this despite the above problems. Although, in the case of Opatow, I doubt if a man-marking job twice in four days on Jim Campbell is a fair baptism. It could be argued that those particular experiences will do him good however I feel the youngster is a creative player and there are enough "old heads" at Preston who could have done the man-marking and released Opatow for more creative purposes.

Top keeper



Goalkeeper Maryhardt Verbes (pictured) of Yungaslav Second Division club AIK Topola, wants to try his luck in Australia.

Verbes, 32, also has played for Cervenka, FK Ostjek and Novi Sad, and was team-mate of Dez Marton, the brilliant goalkeeper of St. George Budapest.

Clubs interested in signing Verbes should contact Alex Rind on (03) 555 0022 (bus.) or (03) 429 3217 (home).



Following Gladesville's 1-0 win over Coffs United both teams posed for this photo. Coffs United boys are standing.



The Gladesville lads with Marconi Datsun's mini bus in the background. Left to right: Richie Moscato, Chris Blake, David Nethery, Stephen Dube, Anthony Rotondo, Craig Cairnduff, Con Mihos, Nicholas Vesic, Scott Carpenter, Darren Wilson, Rod Leslie.

Marconi-Datsun to the rescue

Marconi-Datsun has produced some sparkling results this season, despite the absence of a number of stars who left the side at the end of last year.

The good results have come with the help of quite a few youngsters, brought up through junior ranks.

Licata, McCulloch, Budini et al., just some of the youngsters who have helped Marconi through the troublesome 1982 PSL season. Many more are on the way, thanks mainly to Marconi's new found formula — the youth policy.

In an effort to promote junior soccer Marconi has helped juniors outside its region.

Gladesville RSL U/11 side was just one of the beneficiaries. Its recent trip to Coffs Har-

bour was about to be cancelled when Marconi came to the rescue providing the team with Marconi's own Datsun Mini-bus.

Carrying 11 players and their coach, with banners displaying Datsun's affinity towards soccer, the bus provided eager onlookers along the route to Coffs with more than just a mere look at a team of youngsters. Their green and gold outfits as well as their behaviour was an example which many a senior side would have been proud of.

To top it off, the youngsters won their match at Coffs to keep their winning streak this season intact. They now have won nine straight matches in their division in the Gladesville-Hornsby area to lead the comp with a goal average of 57.4.

Star striker, Richie Moscato now has amassed 23 goals in the past eight games and to top it all he scored the winning goal in Gladesville's 1-0 win over Coffs United.



During the stop-over at Myall Lakes (Hawks Nest): Top row: David Nethery, Scott Carpenter, Anthony Rotondo, Chris Blake, Richie Moscato. Bottom row: Rod Leslie, Con Mihos, Darren Wilson, Craig Cairnduff, Nicholas Vesic, Stephen Dube.



At Coffs Harbour, the highlight of any tour is the visit to Coffs "Big Banana". From left to right, at the top: Darren, Scott, Chris, Richie, Con and David. Bottom row: Rod, Stephen, Anthony, Craig, Nicholas.

Buffalo Sports boys



Brighton's Geoff Taylor (above, left) and Nunawading City's Ron Winand are Buffalo Sports Junior Clubmen of the Week.

Geoff, 13, joined Brighton in 1976 and is in his seventh season there. He has amassed over 200 games and enjoys playing in midfield.

His ambitions are to play with either Brighton or Box Hill at senior level then go on to represent Australia.

Geoff will collect his award, a magnificent Buffalo Sports Bag, from the Brighton Sports Store.

Rolf Winand (above, right) joined Nunawading City as a seven year old and now plays an important part in the fortunes of the club's under-13 side.

He is a keen competitor, already notching a hat-trick this season. Like Geoff he hopes to become a Soccerro in the future. Rolf will be awarded his Buffalo Sports bag from DB Sports.

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McSkimming sent off, Spanos in goal, City sinks

By RICKY ROSSO

BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Hogg 42nd) SYDNEY CITY 0 at Perry Park, Crowd: about 1000. Referee: Col Amos 5.

BRISBANE LIONS: Scanlan 7, McSkimming 7 (sent off 70th), Ferris 8, Bennett 8, Nixon 7, Attmore 7, Burns 7, Hogg 8, Williamson 7, Dault 6, (Millman, 87th), Wright 6.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Clarke 7, Cant 8, Spanos 7, O'Connor 7, Bruce 7, Lee 6, Watson 6, Barnes 7, Boden 6, Kosminia 7, Mitchell 6.

Sydney City must tread coming to Brisbane. The hoodoo was reinforced by this incident-packed Philips Challenge Cup loss to Lions at Perry Park.

Apart from the Charity Shield win at Richlands earlier this season, Hakoah has lost many important games in Brisbane over the past two years and last week's loss ended its chances of a clean sweep of trophies this season.

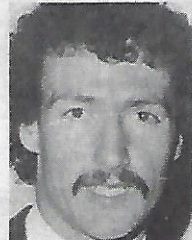
Sydney City rarely performs to expectations when in Brisbane and in this match it never really reached top gear. After Lions had scored three minutes before halftime, City never showed any variation in attack in the second half in its attempt to break the tough Lions defence.

Its cause, or for that matter that of Lions, was not helped by yet another dismal Brisbane refereeing performance and young official Col Amos, who Sydney City seems always to strike when in Brisbane, finally got to coach Eddie Thomson and rather than his usual vocal sideline outbursts, he was reduced to just laughing at the inconsistencies.

Lions' Joe Gilroy was not as passive and at one stage he was ordered back to the bench by the fourth official, Queensland referees president Dieter Klose after a scathing attack on the officials.

Amos sent one player off and booked another two in a tough second half which developed into a battle of survival for the home team.

Lions fullback Bob McSkimming got his marching orders after a 70th minute retaliatory tackle on Sydney City striker John Kosminia. He had been cautioned 16 minutes earlier for only a minor offence.



John Spanos

dominated by defences. Youngster Grant Lee, who came in for the injured Jim Patikas, had two clear-cut opportunities in the first half, but bombed both and Williamson had an excellent chance but controlled instead of hitting the ball first time and had his shot blocked.

Sydney City should have equalised in the 79th minute when Jim Cant hit the upright but then Lions could have wrapped the match up two minutes later when Ferris played a glorious through ball to Australian youth squad member Danny Wright but the youngster panicked a little and had his shot saved by Clarke.

With the confidence of this win under their belt, Lions took a good chance to retain the cup.

Lions' captain Col Bennett and replacement Ron Millman, who was only on the field five minutes, also were shown yellow cards for incidents which paled into insignificance compared with some of the other tackles which went unreprimanded during the second half.

The Lions defence showed no mercy as it continually tackled, lunged, blocked and dived to shut down and keep out the Sydney City forwards. And if some of the home team's tactics were considered aggressive then the visitors handed out as much as they received and late and off-the-ball tackles peppered the second half.

The aggression was highlighted by an incident late in the second half when Hakoah goalkeeper Todd Clarke was forced to leave the field for five minutes to have three stitches put in a head wound after a clash with Lions' gangly striker Calvin Dault. Sweeper John Spanos took the No. 1 shirt but the Sydney City defence closed up in front of him and the outfield player was never tested during Clarke's absence.

Lions' goal came through a speculative cross by Stephen Hogg. He received a pass down the right wing from Paul Burns and carried the ball a short way before lobbing it into the goalmouth. Hogg may claim it was a shot but it looked more like a miscued ball for Dault and such was its trajectory, Clarke had no chance as the ball dropped into the top of the goal.

From then on Lions' tactics were simple. They pushed Sydney City's attack to the flanks which forced Watson and Bruce to play high balls into the penalty box. This kept the ball away from the dangerous feet of Boden, Kosminia and Mitchell and it was a mere formality for Scanlan to make high saves or Col Bennett to head away.

Apart from the goal there were few other scoring chances in a match which was

Valentine's day: defensive tactic fails Preston

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 1 (Valentine 75th) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 Philips Cup quarter-final at Olympic Park. Crowd: about 1000. Referee: Jim Fearn 7.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 8 — A. McMillan 7, Macleod 7, Venkous 6, Tansley 7, Beklaris 7, Solomidis 6, Campbell 6, Valentine 8 — Cole 7, Paton 8.

MAKEDONIA: Wilson 8 — Todorovski 8 — Petrovski 7, Flavell 7, Jones 8, Fox 7 — Opatinas 7, G. McMillan 6 (Niranda 70th), Stokkos 6 — Brown 7, Ward 7.

A dyed-in-the-wool true blue ocker would have said that the blokes what had a go mate, got the bloody result they deserved.

Makedonia was negative from the outset and was pinned inside its own defensive half for long periods.

Just after half time it launched a series of raids on the Heidelberg goal but failed to get what could have been the winner. Had it succeeded it would have been a steal. Then it would have seen six and sometimes seven Makedonia players inside their defensive

third instead of the five who spent most of the match in this area.

George Todorovski stood fairly firm behind a four man defensive screen of Ljube Petrovski, Gordon Flavell, David Jones and Graham Fox. It was dour, defensive and painfully negative. What happened to the exciting, attacking Makedonia which drew huge crowds as it surged toward the 1980 Victorian State League championship?

Perhaps the stakes are bigger in the PSL. Perhaps there's too much to lose, both for the club and coach Peter Orlerton.

Perhaps that's why the ockers have dropped off and if Makedonia continues to serve up this kind of stuff then it deserves to play in the middle of a near empty stadium.

There are quite a few journalists and supporters

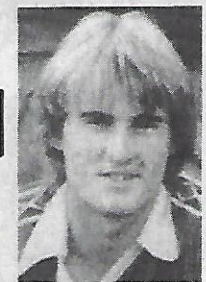
By CRAIG MACKENZIE

around who will tell you that the Bergers are the leaders in the boredom stakes. That invidious title was won by Makedonia at this game.

Gary Cole should have given Heidelberg a well deserved half time lead. He was sent through by a well timed, well weighted pass from striking cohort Jamie Paton in the 32nd minute. Richard Wilson, taking over in goal from Steve Potter who was told he was being rested for the league game last Sunday, charged out to confront Cole who kept cool and neatly slipped the ball wide of Wilson.

Unfortunately for Heidelberg Cole also slipped the ball fractionally wide of the far post to blow the best chance of the first half.

Just after the interval Con Stoklis set up Gary Ward but



Mike Valentine

Don Macleod blocked Ward's shot. Then Con Opatinas was free five metres from goal on the left. Jeff Oliver was off his line in a flash and made a great reflex save to tip wide. The ball fell to Doug Brown from the resultant corner and he sent in a cracking drive which whistled just over.

Paton couldn't connect cleanly when in the clear just inside the Makedonia area and Wilson had little trouble dropping down to his knees and saving cleanly.

It was odds on that extra time would be needed until a very special moment in the 75th minute.

Young Micky Valentine, bought about a month ago by Heidelberg from First Division title challenger Box Hill got the ball on the left some 25 metres out. He was quick to size up the situation and unleashed a cracking left foot shot which sent the ball screaming past Wilson at the near post and thudding into the back of the net.

That was the moment when the side which took the game by the scruff of the neck, always committed to going forward, was rewarded for its attitude.

Makedonia's last chance to salvage lost prestige came a minute later but Brown's low shot from eight metres out on the right flashed wide of the far post.

It's APA, thanks to Jones and Maher

MARCONI 1 (Jankovics) APIA 2 (Jones 2) at Marconi Stadium.

MARCONI: Maher 5, Botanic 7, Duguey 6, Henderson 7, Preskalo 7, Mariani 6, McCulloch 6 (M. Silva 45), Budini 7, Hunter 7, Jankovics 8, 7.

APIA LEICHHARDT: Parks 8, Carter 7, McAusland 7, McBrewn 6, Wilson 6, Bradley 6, Butler 7, Hughes 6, Jones 6, Morsello 6 (Godzik 70), De Caglia 6.

Peter Jones, the recent acquisition from Blacktown, missed an early opportunity for APIA but came back in the closing stages to snatch two goals which sent Marconi tumbling out of this year's Philips Cup.

After only three minutes of the first half, Tony Morsello broke through on the left before floating a neat cross into the Marconi goalmouth. The ball eluded Marconi defence and also Peter Jones who actually missed the ball as it floated across with the net gaping open.

However, Jones more than made up for it with two late goals to sink Marconi and avenue APIA's shattering defeats at this ground in recent months.

Allan Maher, the man who had been solid in recent months in Marconi's goal, contributed to Marconi's downfall. He was indecisive and missed two fairly easy crosses, allowing Jones firstly to head home for the equaliser, then score from a dropped ball (by Maher) to make it 2-1.

It was a bitter end for Maher and Marconi, for the home team was in the driver's seat for most of the match and Maher did well with whatever he had to deal with. His save from Butler in the 28th minute was superb, while his team mates always looked in control.

In fact Wilson and Parks looked in for a torrid evening, with Hunter and Jankovics always looking dangerous, but both Wilson and Parks were among APIA's best on the night.

Parks was beaten with 10 minutes remaining to see Marconi go one up. It was Hunter who provided the service from the left and the trusty head of

By ALEX VESIC

Jankovics guided the ball superbly past Parks.

It was a gem of a goal and one which certainly looked the winner for marconi until those two late, late goals by Jones.

Goals apart, the game rarely rose above moderate heights, with a slippery park and miserable attendance certainly the main contributors to an evening most of us will forget in a hurry.

Canberra v. Heidelberg

Canberra City, which beat West Adelaide Hellas 2-0 in Adelaide, meets Heidelberg in the Philips Cup semi-finals on August 11.

The other semi-final will be between APIA and Brisbane Lions.

The games will be in Melbourne and Sydney.

Canberra's goalscorers against West Adelaide were Tony Brennan and George Christopoulos.

Stevenson, Shirra join Evans on the outer



John Stevenson

John Stevenson and Jim Shirra joined Alun Evans on South Melbourne Hellas's transfer list last week.

Coach Tommy Docherty has decided he does not need them for next season.

Stevenson cost Hellas \$18,000 when he was bought from Sydney City early last year and Shirra cost about \$10,000 from Scottish club Dundee.

Evans was the most expensive. He cost Hellas about \$30,000 when he joined from English club Walsall. He previously played for Liverpool.

Shirra was valued at \$80,000 when he switched from Aberdeen to Dundee in 1977.

Stevenson played for Coventry in England and Hearts in Scotland before spending five seasons with Sydney City.

Other casualties at Hellas so



Jim Shirra

far this season have been coach Margaritis who quit when Docherty joined, Bertie Lutton who was transferred to Northcote, Grant Turner who returned to New Zealand and Peter Laumets who was dropped to the Hellas-Hakoah team.



Happier days for former Hellas captain Alun Evans (left) sharing champagne from the Ampol Cup with club president Sam Pappasavas (right) and committeeman Jim Diametaris.

No joy for Juventus

Juventus' lead in the Tasmanian State League (South) was cut to a single point on Friday night when it lost 1-3 to Rapid-West Point.

Juventus, wearing the blue shirts of Italy as a tribute to Italy winning the World Cup, started off well enough and Ward and Pace had early chances.

Misfortune struck before the half was over, however. Genovesi went off injured after 20 minutes, necessitating a reshuffling of the pack. Lapolla moved to sweeper and the substitute, Bacon, came on in midfield.

Oakes scored for Rapid in the 43rd minute and Larry Nunn made it 2-0 just on half time.

The action didn't stop there. With only seconds remaining of the first half, Di Martino was sent off and it seemed as if the night of Italian celebrations would be cut short.

Eric Young put Juventus back into the game when he scored a minute into the second half, but with only 10 men, Juventus' task proved impossible.

Smith scored a third for Rapid in the 91st minute and everyone bar the referee and players went home. The half went on for an incredible 52 minutes, but there was no Juventus going to emulate Italy.

The game had been preceded by a presentation to the Italian community of a plaque, by Mr Vic Tutting, commemorating Italy's World Cup win. The gesture was made on behalf of the Tasmanian Soccer Association.

Results: Rapid-West Point beat Juventus-Pioneer 3-1, Metro-Clarendon beat White Eagles 2-1, Olympia beat South Hobart 2-0, Croatica drew with Brighton 2-2.

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The men who put Italy on top of the world

Italy, champion of the world. From left, standing: Dino Zoff, Giancarlo Antognoni, Gaetano Scirea, Claudio Gentile, Fulvio Collovati, Francesco Graziani. Front: Paolo Rossi, Bruno Conti, Gabriele Oriali, Antonio Cabrini, Marco Tardelli. Not pictured: Giuseppe Bergomi, Alessandro Altobelli and Franco Causio who also played in the World Cup final against West Germany.

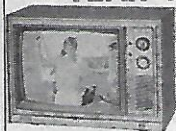


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Peter Laumets back, O'Shea to face up to O'Connor

BY LAURIE SCHWAB

Peter Laumets returns to the South Melbourne Hellas goal for the all-Greek derby against Heidelberg-Alexander at the Olympic Village ground on Sunday.

Laumets replaces Lou Tsigras who has his left leg broken against Newcastle last Sunday.

Tsigras waited for years for his big chance in the PSL, replacing Laumets when it finally came. Now, tragically, he is out for at least the rest of the season.

Heidelberg meanwhile, still is waiting for Chilean international Juan Toro Castillo to arrive. He is from the Magellanes club, but no transfer fee is required for the 31-year-old midfielder.

Heidelberg is a point ahead of Hellas and only one point outside the top four. It goes without saying that victory is vital for both teams if they hope to take part in the top-four play-offs.

Hellas has been strengthened by the return of Steve Wooddin who played very well when he came on as a substitute against Newcastle. A forward line of Wooddin, Buljevic and Egan would require George Campbell to move to the right or into the middle of the midfield.

Socrates Nicolaides was out due to illness last weekend, allowing Jim Shirra to come into the midfield. When Tsigras was injured, Shirra went into goal and saved the game by stopping a brilliant shot by Alf Stamp.

It will be interesting to see how Tommy Docherty copes with that embarrassment of riches.

With Tsigras out, it is intriguing to contemplate what Hellas would do if it also lost Laumets. Hellas's "unofficial" reserve team is South Melbourne Mordialoc, whose goalkeeper is none other than Dennis Boland, who's on loan from Footscray JUST.

The Hellas-Heidelberg game, always one of the highlights of the season, again will feature cousins Arthur Xanthopoulos and Theo Selemdis in opposition. They should confront each other quite often for Xanthopoulos, playing sweeper for Hellas, will have to cope with Selemdis when he comes into the box for high balls at the near post. Heidelberg looks for Selemdis from corners and long throw-ins.

In the past, Hellas usually played a marking game against Heidelberg, aimed at nullifying Gary Cole and Jamie Paton, as well as the midfielders. Hellas is unlikely to play that way under Docherty, so it should be an open, free-flowing game, with victory earned by the better forward line.

The other highlight of the round is St George's clash with Wollongong at St George Stadium. Saints are second and Wollongong third, but victory is more important to Wollongong because third-placed Sydney Olympic is only a point behind in fourth place, with a better goal difference. St George would remain in second place even if it loses.

Couch Chris Dunleavy is continuing the good work done by Ken Morton, the man who built the Wollongong team. Morton is back in Tasmania, where he will play for Rapid West Point but he is sure to be snapped up by another PSL club for next season.

St. George is sure to play better at home than it did against Preston last Sunday, and left back Rob O'Shea has hit top form in time for his confrontation with Phil O'Connor and Roy Cotton, but Wollongong is riding on the cros of a wave and should win again.

Newcastle, Footscray JUST, Adelaide City, Canberra and Brisbane City are the teams fighting for survival near the foot of the ladder, so none of them will be easy pickings for the rest of the year.

JUST scored a timely 1-0 win against West Adelaide last week and will benefit again by the return of experienced vlado Pljevaljac against APIA-Leichhardt at Schintler Reserve.

Zdravko Lujic is playing himself back into form and we will again start seeing the best from captain Zoran Ilioski in midfield. APIA coach Peter Wilson must be hoping that Marshall Soper regains the goalscoring form he showed last season, but Soper will find it extremely difficult against big Jim Kondarios and his henchman Jim O'Reilly.

Newcastle looked promising when it took the lead against Hellas but it went on to lose 1-2 and will have to do a lot better against mighty Sydney City at home.

Although Hamilton and Robertson have boosted the Newcastle midfield, I can't see Sydney City capitulating in this one. Quite clearly, Sydney City is heading for the championship.

Adelaide City's erratic forward line will find it very hard to get past Preston Makedonia which played well against St George but had a goal by Doug Brown ruled offside.

It wouldn't surprise to see Makedonia making a bid for Hellas's experienced midfielder Jim Shirra who is reported to be on a free transfer, and if the club moves quickly, he could even be in the line-up against Adelaide City. The likely result of the game however, is a draw.

Canberra, despite the hard running of Tony Brennan, has registered disappointing league results, although it did beat West Adelaide in the Cup. These two teams meet again at Bruce Stadium, with West Adelaide's morale down slightly after having lost to JUST.

West Adelaide still wants a top-four berth and Canberra is only two points clear of the relegation zone, so this should be a tight match, which also is likely to end in a draw.

Last-placed Brisbane City has been picking up points with encouraging regularity recently and again will rely on Jim Hermiston, Peter Ioket, Steve Perry and Frank Liddell to keep out the Sydney Olympic forwards and midfielders. The home ground advantage should give Brisbane City at least a point.

Marconi has benefited from the return of Paul Degney and should follow its victory over Sydney Olympic with another win against Brisbane Lions.

Just seven months ago Degney was extremely upset by Marconi's decision to transfer list him at \$15,000.

"With Peter Sharpe on the right wing, I believe we have a really good chance to upset Lions."

Weekend matches with likely winners in capitals

IN NEWCASTLE
Newcastle KB United v SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH at International Sports Centre, Saturday 3 pm.

IN MELBOURNE
Heidelberg-Alexander v SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS at Olympic Village, Sunday 3 pm.

FOOTSCRAY JUST v APIA Leichhardt at Schintler Reserve, Sunday 3 pm.

IN CANBERRA
Canberra City v West Adelaide Hellas (draw) at Bruce Stadium, Sunday 3 pm.

IN SYDNEY
St George Budapest v WOLLONGONG at St George Stadium, Sunday 3 pm.

MARCONI-DATSUN v Brisbane Lions at Marconi Stadium, Sunday 3 pm.

IN BRISBANE
Brisbane City v Sydney Olympic (draw) at Spencer Park, Sunday 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE
Adelaide City Juventus v Preston Makedonia (draw) at Olympic Sports field, Sunday 2.30 pm.

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2	(2) ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST	9	2	1	2	1	2	3	29
3	(3) WOLLONGONG	7	1	3	1	7	1	5	27
4	(3) SYDNEY OLYMPIC	5	1	6	2	1	1	5	25
5	(5) West Adelaide Hellas	7	2	3	2	6	1	4	24
6	(6) Heidelberg-Alexander	7	3	2	2	1	4	6	24
7	(7) APIA-Leichhardt	6	3	3	3	3	5	18	24
8	(9) South Melbourne Hellas	6	3	2	2	4	6	16	23
9	(10) Marconi-Datsun	7	1	3	2	6	1	7	23
10	(8) Preston-Makedonia	5	4	3	2	5	10	20	22
11	(12) Brisbane Lions	6	2	4	1	5	12	19	21
12	(14) Footscray JUST	2	6	3	3	4	5	15	20
13	(11) Adelaide C. Juventus	3	8	2	2	3	7	13	19
14	(13) Canberra City	3	4	5	1	5	12	20	19
15	(15) Newcastle KB United	3	4	5	1	8	16	27	17
16	(16) Brisbane City	4	5	2	2	9	7	31	17

PSL TEAM OF THE WEEK

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(SM-Hellas) (Wollongong) (Syd. City) (St. George)

HENDERSON (3) ILIOSKI (6) HOGG (2)
(Marconi) (Footsc JUST) (Brisb. Lions)

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 - 10 Cole (H'berg), Campbell (H'berg).
 - 9 J. Nykothus (AC), Brown (Mak), Jankovics (Mar).
 - 8 Cotton (W), Millman (BL), Barton (St.G), Redfern (SO), Simic (JUST).
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Ilioski a 'must' for 'Roos, Ciric shines

West Adel. 0 Footscray 1

Goal: Simic (Footscray)
47th
Crowd: 3000
Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium

Cautions: Brennan, McGachey (West)
Sent off: Jovanovic (JUST)
Referee: Jim Rossis 7

FOOTSCRAY JUST Ciric 9
— Stoeckley 7, O'Reilly 8, Kyriakoulas 7, Kondarios 8, Hazabent 8 — Ilioski 9, Jovanovic 7, Pijevajcic 7 — Ristovski 7, Simic 7, Lujic 7.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 6 — McKie 7, McGachey 6, Dunn 6, Maricic 6 — Atsalsas 6, Sumner 7, Brennan 6 — Honeyman 6, McGreggor 7, Heys 7.

West Adelaide again confirmed its declining status as a force in this year's competition.

Following the wonderful start for which coach Alan Vest must take considerable credit, the side is now proving to be something of a chopping block.

Certainly it will take a minor miracle to enable West to get back into the top four.

Losing two successive games to sides in the bottom of the PSL is not the sort of form to breed optimism.

West had Footscray JUST on the ropes in the first half and could have had at least a four goal lead at the break.

Robbie Dunn (post), Graham Honeyman, Steve Sumner, Graham Heys and Ian McGreggor all had chances but were denied by a mixture of poor finishing and good

goalkeeping from Milutin-Ciric, who had a blinder.

In the first half JUST gave the impression it would collapse once its defence was breached but of course the longer the match progressed, the more confident it became.

It was no surprise when JUST went into the lead in the 47th minute when Paul Simic picked up a loose ball and calmly slotted it into an open goal.

West came charging back but its play lacked method and imagination.

It tried to storm the JUST garrison but Ciric was not to be moved.

Referee Jim Rossis gave West a chance to equalise midway through the half when Steve Atsalsas fell in the penalty area.

Slobodan Jovanovic protested wildly.

Honeyman took the subsequent penalty and slammed the ball against the post.

It was the closest West was to come to an equaliser.

Coach Alan Vest must hope his key players — McGachey, Honeyman, Sumner, Dunn and Crook — emerge from their late-season blues.

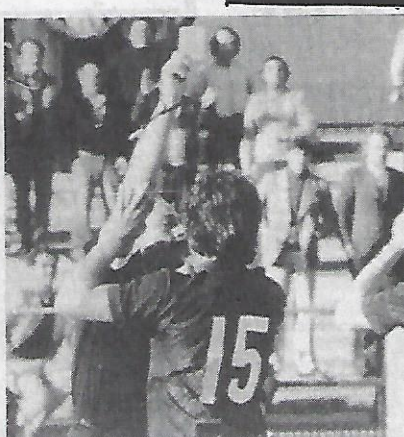
The club's loss of form has coincided with some poor displays from this quintet.

JUST meanwhile looks likely to again perform a timely rescue act.

Though it still is near the relegation zone, it has the personnel to lift it to safety.

Zoran Ilioski was clearly JUST's best player along with goalkeeper Ciric.

Indeed on this display, Ilioski is a must for the national team when it finally is assembled.



Referee Jim Rossis shows the red card to Slobodan Jovanovic (right). Vlado Pijevajcic (No. 15) protests.

Joe Watson torments Canberra

Sydney City 3
Canberra 0

By TED SIMMONS

Scorers: Barnes, Mitchell, Borges.
Crowd: 1450.
Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.
Referee: Davies 8.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 7, Cant 7, Robertson 8, O'Connor 7, Bruce 7, Patikas 7, Watson 8, Barnes 7, Borges 7, Kosmina 7, Mitchell 8.

CANBERRA: Hozowski 7,

Ambrosino 7, Murray 7, T. Byrne 7, Ontong 6, G. Byrne 7, I. Stone 6, Bryant 7, Christopoulos 6, Brennan 7, Gibson 7.

Replacements: McLaren (for Stone 71st).
Sydney City never got out of first gear when its 3-0 win over Canberra showed the difference in standard between the teams at the top and the bottom of the competition.

Every play by Canberra was cut out with surgical precision, frustrating it into long distance attempts which either went wide or were easily gathered by keeper Todd Clarke.

Slicker's coach Eddie Thomson considered Tony Brennan the only danger man in the Canberra team and detailed Jim Cant for the shadowing work which blocked Brennan out of the match.

A generous estimate gave Canberra one goal attempt in the first half and two in the second half in what turned out to be a dreary, mistake-filled match.

On the factual side, Barnes opened the score in the 7th minute when he headed a Bruce cross home, and Mitchell made it 2-0 by half-time when he ghosted down the right side and his cross swerved into the far corner of the net.

Nelio Borges sealed the issue in the 22nd minute when he drove the ball low into the net from just inside the box.

Canberra had arrived at the ground with problems, after a virus had affected Mike Milovanovic, George Christopoulos and Paul Ontong.

Milovanovic was unfit to play and was replaced by Angelo Ambrosino, while Christopoulos was moved into defence in the hope he would get through the game.

Coach George Murray said he was forced to make five positional changes because of the illness, and had hoped to field the same team which beat West Adelaide in the Philips Cup quarter final.

The result, as Slicker's coach Thomson said, was a good professional win, in which Sydney City gave nothing away.

Winger Joe Watson again teased and tormented the harried Canberra defence, at times taking on and beating three defenders before crossing, while Cant and Alec Robertson turned away everything the Canberra strikers attempted.

There was plenty of physical content as Canberra tried to stop the City players from shutting them out, but advantage was generally allowed by the referee to let play flow.

No doubt made his legs feel even more weary.

The lack of pressure from the Adelaide forwards gave Lions' Australian youth squad member Steve Jackson a dream debut and the 18 year old found himself with little work and therefore little opportunity to err. Jackson came into the Lions' team as a replacement for suspended Bob McKimming.

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Vieri, Henderson steal the show

Marconi defeated Sydney Olympic at Pratten Park with goals from Hunter and Jankovic, but its win looked far easier than one would have expected despite the hoodoo that seems to be hanging over Olympic at this ground.

The stars of Olympics success against APIA, Katholos and Raskopoulos, were shaded by the brilliance of Vieri and Henderson with the latter unleashing drives rarely seen at Pratten Park. In fact, with only four minutes before half time, Henderson hit a screamer from some 28 metres which left Gary Meier helpless but alas, hit the post and rebounded to safety.

Vieri's skills and Henderson's running off the ball were the features of the afternoon.

Peter Katholos, then Peter Raskopoulos had early chances but blew them with only Alan Maher to beat. Mark Koussas and Jimmy Redfern also had openings during that period but some resolute Marconi defence blocked them at the last moment. During this period it was Tommy Gavin who came closest with his well timed drive from the edge of the box but unfortunately for Olympic the ball missed the far post by inches.

After Henderson hit the post in the 41st you would wonder what one had to do to please the gods, for two crossbars and one goal post was just too much for a handful of Marconi's supporters at Pratten Park.

Only a minute after Henderson's effort, Meier was beaten. Vieri found Hunter whose cross found Jankovic, but before he could follow a header by Licitata, Marconi's striker before it rolled back for Hunter to slam it past Meier.

Henderson's only blemish came soon after the restart when he lost the ball just inside his half and Tommy Gavin quickly exploited the situation by pushing the ball to Koussas who made short work of Alan Maher to equalise.

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Venue: Pratten Park
Crowd: 5557
Referee: J. Reeves 7
Yellow cards: Mark Jankovic (M)
Scorers: Jankovic, Hunter (M), Koussas (SO)

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Late penalty saves APIA

APIA 1
Bris City 1

Scorers: Palinkas (BC), Carterpen. (APIA).
Venue: Lambert Park.
Crowd: 2483
Ref: K. Small 8.
Cautions: Liddell (BC).

APIA: Parks 8, Carter 8, McAusland 7, Hughes 6, Wilson 8, McCreem 6, Butler 7, Bradley 6, Soper 7, Jones 7, De Ceglia 7 (Godzik 46' - 6).

BRISBANE CITY: Pezzano 8, Tokosi 7, Cairney 78/1, Hermitson 8, Perry 8, Liddell 7, McVeigh 7, Pimblett 7, Hamilton 7, Conner 8, Bohan 7, Palinkas 7.

Only a penalty kick five minutes from the end saved APIA, once the PSL leaders, from humbling defeat at Lambert Park.

Brisbane City, with only one away win all year, deserve to have recorded its second, but it gave away a penalty which might well have been avoided.

It battered APIA in just about every department until near the end, playing quick and often one touch type of football, and showed on current form that it should be midway up the table and not near the bottom.

The decision to bring back Jim Hermitson proved completely justified as the former Scottish national squad member is once again in peak form. Having beaten West Adelaide at home the previous week and secured an away point on Sunday the pointer is that City is going to struggle hard over the next seven rounds to clear the relegation zone.



Roger Sherack

They may, of course, be not good enough in strength and resources to gain a place ahead of them.

APIA Leichhardt's poverty on the day may well have been largely due to the fact that it had to play a midweek PSL fixture against Marconi in the Philips Cup. APIA's coach Peter Wilson was well aware of the fact that his Queensland opponent was fresh, but there was nothing he could do other than give a fine example to keep Brisbane City at bay.

Wilson's obvious strategy was to allow the visitors to come forward and attack and then try to beat them with counter punches. The first part succeeded. It was only some good play down the right wing which enabled APIA to keep the slate clean in the first half, during which time just about most of the play was in Leichhardt's half.

Passes went astray and Brisbane men benefited by collecting the ball and played very cleverly, but only up to about the penalty area. Willie Conner was most prominent, putting as much effort into this game as two would for the entire match.

Robert De Ceglia was well involved right from the start and he was only put off his stride by some well timed tackles from Hermitson. He

director of coaching, he coached the Tasmanian State of Origin team to three wins out of four games against the likes of the Victorian youth team and South Melbourne Hellas.

This season, Darby has been playing with State League (South) team, South Hobart, while still performing his duties as State coaching director.

He is uncertain of his future. "I've had one unofficial offer from a Tasmanian club, but this has nothing to do with my resignation. In fact, I would refuse any coaching offers from within Tasmania. I'd have to think about anything

that came from the mainland, however."

Darby is disappointed that things came to a head in this way, especially since several of his ideas were coming to fruition. The formation of a 'State of origin' team, working with trainee teachers in the physical education colleges, and a fitness program for State youth players are but three.

Steve Darby is the second full-time director of coaching that Tasmania has had. The previous incumbent was Denis Ford.

— WALTER PLESS

Darby quits as Tassie director

Steve Darby, the Tasmanian director of coaching, has resigned after serving only 18 months of his three year term.

"For various reasons connected with soccer, I was finding it impossible to do the job in a manner which I felt it deserved. I felt it was best, therefore, to resign," said Darby.

"I couldn't condone or be a 'yes' man to some of the things that were going on."

Darby first came to Tasmania in 1980 as coach of State League side Devonport. As

Young Lions allowed to roar

Bris. Lions 2
Adel. City 0

Scorers: Hogg 38th, Millman 40th.

Venus, Richlands Stadium.
Crowd: About 800.
Cautions: Banfield 50th, Hogg 51st.
Referee: Bill Monteverde 7.

LIONS: Scanlan 7, Jackson 7, Ferris 7, Bennett 6, Niven 7, Atmore 7, Hogg 8, Williamson 6, Millman 6, Dault 7 (Ogden 64th), Wright 7.

ADELAIDE CITY: Ferguson 7, Russell 6, Nyshokoh 7, Banfield 8 (Rankin 88th), Founders 6, Motta 7, Manou 6, Carter 7, Marocchi 6, J. Nyshokoh 7, Villani 6.

"We could have played for five days and we still wouldn't have scored", was how Adelaide City coach John Perrin summed up his team's 0-2 loss to Lions at Richlands last weekend.

And unfortunately for the Lions defence that was no reflection on the invincibility. It was a candid and honest appraisal of an ineffective and unimaginative Adelaide City attack.

And the forward line included new English import Les Carter a former England youth player, but to be fair to the youngster, he still was suffering from the effects of jetlag after arriving in Australia only four days earlier.

Carter showed only flashes of skill but under the circumstances that could be a ray of hope for the relegation worried Adelaide City fans. Carter looks for the ball but in this match when he got it, he seldom had support and subsequently found a crunching tackle from Col Bennett which

most of them were among the best on the park.

Hogg in particular was a ball of energy in the middle of the park while Dault and Wright are becoming two of the most aggressive players for their age in the country.

At this stage they are obviously not championship contenders but as Lions coach Joe Gilroy confidently predicts: "Watch out for us in a few years".

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Shirra shines as stand-in keeper

SM Hellas 2 Newcastle 1

Scorers: 0-1 Curran 8m, 1-1 Buljevic 63m, 2-1 Buljevic 75m.

Ground: Middle Park. Attendance: 2500 estimate. Referee: E. Venios 6. Cautions: Lowe, Curran, Mason, McClelland.

HELLAS: Tsiagaras (Woodin 8/5th); Bennett 8, Xanthopoulos 8, Blair 8, Davidson 8; Halford 7, Shirra 7, Rogers 7; Egan 7, Buljevic 8, Campbell 7.

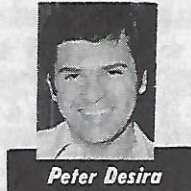
NEWCASTLE: Dando 7, Curran 6, Drinkwater 6, Sneddon 7, Tredinnick 8; Mason 6, Robertson 7, Hamilton 6;

McClelland 7, Lowe 6 (Stamp 45th 6), Jones 6.

You need look no further than this game for proof that truth is stranger than fiction. What on paper looked like an ordinary fixture turned into an action-packed affair with enough leads to write an epic novel.

There was the cruel blow to Lou Tsiagaras who broke his leg just when he seemed to have cemented a place in the side after waiting three years for a chance at the big time in the shadows of Peter Laumets and Jack Reilly.

There was the surprise return of Kiwi international Steve Wooddin, displaying some of the polish that ob-



Peter Desira

viously comes from rubbing shoulders with the World's greatest stars — and doing it despite the question mark still hanging on his future.

There was more of the new found zest of veteran Branko

Buljevic who totted up two more goals to take his scoring tally to seven for the season — five of them in the past five games.

There was Tommy Docherty looking resplendent in his tweeds but lacking none of his usual showmanship to go berserk flying off the bench when South scored its second goal.

And of course there was Jim Shirra, nonchalant Scot that he is, shirking off the fact that he has gone from skipper to unwanted player, to take over the keeper's jumper from Tsiagaras and end up pulling off an unbelievable save from Alf Stamp that will be talked about for some time to come.

In stark contrast Newcastle took the role of bit part actors and must have left town scratching their heads at such impossible feats that can only happen at a club like Hellas.

Tsiagaras started the ball rolling in the fifth minute, so to speak, when he broke the left fibula in a clash of legs with David Lowe as the pair went chasing a harmless looking through ball into the box.

Shirra took over in goal but his first touch of the ball was picking it out of the net as Col Curran's speculative shot swerved away from him to give Newcastle a 1-0 lead after only eight minutes.

But instead of giving Newcastle the incentive to go on and seal its fourth away win of the season, the goal had the reverse effect of prodding South's defence into its best display of the season.

With Shirra fumbling the first shots directed at him, Alan Davidson, Gerry Bennett, Arthur Xanthopoulos and Steve Blair worked like trojans to close in quickly and rebuff anything the visitors could throw at them.

Woodin who had replaced Tsiagaras started teasing and taunting the Newcastle defence into submission at the other end and by half time had sliced through the back four on four occasions.

The Doc reorganised the

side at half time pulling George Campbell into midfield and switching Carl Halford to the fullback position to give Davidson a freer reign in the middle of the park.

And the result was an equaliser in the 63rd minute when Woodin made another left wing dash then shot across goal just out of Phil Dando's reach to give Buljevic the simple task of tapping into an empty net.

The winner came 12 minutes later with Buljevic shooting in off the post after Egan had touched on George Campbell's centre from the edge of the area.

The Doc was immediately off the bench doing his own version of a war dance and joining in the general mayhem as Middle Park went wild. But the final piece of drama belonged to Shirra, who by now had the crowd chanting his name and clapping every time he touched the ball.

With four minutes to go Alf Stamp, who up till then was having an uncomfortable afternoon and at one stage even fell over his own feet, finally carved an opening for himself and let fly a "certain goal" from the right side of the box only to shake his head in disbelief in seeing Shirra fly to his left to pull off a reflex save any keeper would have been proud of.

Barton and Marton down depleted Makedonia

Makedonia 0 St George 1

Scorers: Barton 84th. Venue: Connor Reserve. Crowd: about 1000. Referee: Stewart Mellings 6.

Cautions: M. O'Shea, R. O'Shea, Ratcliffe (St Geo.); Miranda, Jones (Mak.).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Potter 6, Opasinas 7, Jones 8, Todorovski 7, Petrovski 7, Miranda 6, Flavell 6, Whittle 6, Ward 8, Brown 8, Stoikos 6.

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST: Fraser 6, Skoen 6, Ratcliffe 7, M. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 8, Stone 8, J. O'Shea 7, Barton 7, Slater 7, Wilkinson 7, Marton 7.

The Mark Barton—Dez Marton partnership gave St George a 1-0 victory over an



Laurie Schwab

injury and suspension-hit Makedonia.

Makedonia had to play without player-coach Peter Ollerston who was injured, Claude Lucchesi who had the flu, and Graham Fox and George McKim who were suspended. But the St George victory came mainly because of what Saints' coach Frank Arok called "a stroke of luck".

Makedonia gave all it had until the 84th minute when Mark Barton raced onto a

through pass from Marton and goalied with a shot that went between the legs of goalkeeper Steve Potter.

"I suppose we were lucky as Makedonia played it very tight and always looked accurate and dangerous when Doug Brown broke away," Arok said.

"It is a very difficult ground to play on and Makedonia makes it very hard by having so many players supporting around the ball.

"A draw would have been fair, but of course we are delighted with a win as it strengthens our position inside the top four". Makedonia's players were angered by two refereeing decisions that cost them dearly.

Doug Brown claimed a St George defender handled the ball in the first half, but referee Stuart Mellings refused to award a penalty.

In the 40th minute Brown belted the ball into the net after Gary Ward had headed it down and Gordon Flavell had relayed it but Mellings gave a free kick for offside.

It was an evenly balanced match, with St George having more of the ball in midfield, but Makedonia relying on numbers in defence and break-away attacks by Brown and Gary Ward.

Potter made a good save from Barton in the 42nd minute and Makedonia started the second half with a header

by Richard Miranda narrowly over the bar after a free kick by Brown.

Defender George Todorovski made a desperate tackle on Paul Wilkinson to prevent St George from scoring in the 60th minute, and Robbie Slater headed just over the bar from a free kick by Marton.

Brown broke away in the 75th minute with only David Ratcliffe in front of him.

He beat Ratcliffe and scored but seemed certain to score but

Ratcliffe chopped him down from behind and was shown the yellow card.

After Barton had scored in the 84th minute, Slater broke away again for St George but this time Potter made a good save.

Saint's left back Rob O'Shea and Doug Brown were the stars of the match, with David Jones, Peter Stone and Gary Ward not far behind.

McKendry blasts pitch, Dunleavy agrees

Wollongong 2 Heidelberg 1

Scorers: Paton 31st, O'Connor 39th and 59th. Venue: Wollongong Show-ground.

Referee: Tim Davies 9. Wollongong: Preston 7, Willis 7, Bertogna 8, Ainsworth 7, Dunleavy 7 — (2-) Waldron 6, Fleming 6, Adam 6, Tredinnick 7 — O'Connor 8, Cotton 6.

HEIDELBERG-ALEXAN- DER: Olver 7 — McMillan 6, Yankos 7, Macleod 7, Tansey 6 — Bekiaris 5 (Ivian 6, half time), Selemidis 7, Campbell 7, Valentine 6 — Cole 6, Paton 6.

Coach Len McKendry attributed Heidelberg's 2-1 loss to his players' tendency to give



Philip Micallef

the ball away too often and to Wollongong's experience in handling the awful Show-ground pitch.

McKendry said Heidelberg in vain tried to adapt itself to the conditions and Wollongong must have a clear advantage whenever it plays at home.

Chris Dunleavy, taking over as player coach after Ken Mor-

ton's premature departure, also was highly critical of the pitch.

"The pitch was at its worst and it surely accounted for our disappointing display in the first half. Our home ground is undoubtedly one of the reasons why we play so much better away," he said.

The match was no classic, although Heidelberg in the first half and the wolves in the second, worked up a couple of clever moves.

Heidelberg looked set to go into the half-time break with a one goal lead.

But after Jamie Paton had given it a deserved lead with a header on the half hour, the Wolves stormed back into the game with a goal by Phil O'Connor, whose close range shotbeat Jeff Oliver and

crossed the line despite Jim Tansey's effort to clear.

In the second half, the Wolves raised their game and Heidelberg began to lose its hold on the match.

O'Connor scored the winner with a glorious shot after receiving from Tredinnick with 30 minutes left.

Heidelberg appeared unable to react, especially since feared striker Gary Cole could not shake off an excellent Arno Bertogna, having a dream season at the back of the Wolves defence.

O'Connor could — or rather should — have made it three with 16 minutes remaining when he hit the crossbar with a violent drive after sending Olive the wrong way with a delightful feint.

Ballarat goes indoors

The first Victorian indoor soccer competition on a regular basis kicks off on August 9 and is attracting entries from teams as far away as Ballarat.

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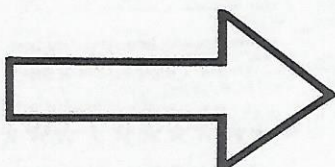
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Pines threat to Frankston, Ajax, 'Cross clash

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Ajax	14	0	2	41	10	28
Croatia	11	2	3	34	16	24
Polonia	8	3	5	27	23	19
George C	8	3	5	27	23	19
Hell Hak	7	4	5	19	15	18
Mar Fal	8	2	6	27	25	18
Croydon	5	7	4	16	14	17
Juventus	7	2	7	25	21	16
Wilhel	5	6	5	21	21	16
Ab. Rov	3	7	6	21	21	13
Sarphine	4	5	7	13	23	13
Woola	2	2	10	14	34	8
Doveton	2	3	11	11	30	7
Fston	1	4	10	10	34	6



Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

Doveton and Frankston look likely to finish in the bottom two spots in State League and be relegated to First Division.

Irrespective of tonight's (Wednesday's) verdict on the non-appearance of Northcote at Centenary Park case, the Northcote look the most capable of this struggling tie to win vital points during the closing stages of the season and escape the drop.

Northcote however won't escape financial hardship, brought on by transfer fees, signing-on fees and match payments to the players signed from domestic and overseas markets this year in an effort to avoid relegation.

Frankston must beat Sunshine to have any chance of avoiding the drop for mine. I don't think it will.

Sunshine can bounce back from last weekend's reversal and snatch both points.

The Doves don't look likely to get any joy from Sunday's trip to Croydon Park where the locals must win to enhance their credentials as a genuine top four contender.

Croatia's not playing well but on Sunday at Olympic Park No. 2 it runs into one of the most inconsistent performers in the league in Juventus. It's anyone's guess as to the outcome of this one. I'm tipping a draw.

The Maltese derby at Chapel Reserve between George Cross and league leader Ajax provides the most exciting atmosphere of the round and Ajax fans should be celebrating their club's success well into Sunday night.

There's no sidestepping in these sorts of battles and Northcote meet in a Greek derby at Middle Park on Saturday and the home side won't have everything its own way.

SATURDAY
Frankston City V Sunshine at Centenary Park, 2.45 pm.
Morwell Falcons V Polonia at North Crinigan Reserve, 2.45 pm.

Albion Rovers V Ringwood Wilhelmina at Selwyn Park, 2.45 pm.

SUNDAY
Croydon V Doveton at Croydon Park, 3 pm.
George Cross V Ajax at Chapel Reserve, 3 pm.
Juventus V Croatia at Olympic Park No. 2, 3 pm.

Przybyla, Dobson kept out

POLONIA 0 CROYDON 0

Polonia 0, Ostrowski 6 — Lipinski 6, Mile 6, A. Czupnik 6, Pichner 6 — Smolenski 6, P. Czupnik 6, Kryszinski 6 — Lalic 6, Marasch 6, Przybyla 6.
CROYDON: Edwards 7 — Rainey 8, McCombe 7, Haupt 7, Hobson 7 — Nolan 7, Dobson 7, Rooney 7 — P. Loughnane 7, I. Loughnane 6, Tkachuk 6.

"Both teams have good players. It's a pity they didn't put on a good spectacle," said Polonia coach Kaz Kowalek after this draw.

Janusz Przybyla had Polonia's best chances, both in the first half, but on each occasion, with just Micky Edwards to beat, the Croydon keeper proved the master, charging off his line to smother well.

Croydon's best chances fell in the second half. Peter Loughnane crossed from the right. Ian Dobson tried a diving header, missed but had done enough to put off Larry Ostrowski but the ball sailed just wide of the far post.

Mila leads

Stefan Mila of Polonia has taken the lead in our Ametec Travel Player of the Year award with 21 votes, three ahead of Paul Drinoczy (Frankston).

Last week's votes:

Croatia v Frankston: Murphy (C), Wall (F).

Ajax v Hellas-Hakoah: Gardiner (A), Gray (H-H).

Doveton v George Cross: Keogh (D), Bilusic (GC).

Ringwood Wilhelmina v Morwell Falcons: Carroll (RW), Neale (MF).

Sunshine v Albion Rovers: Mussel (S), Creany (AR).

Northcote v Juventus: Nixon (N), Hird (J).

Polonia v Croydon: Mila (P), Rayley (C).

The winner will receive a trip to the 1993 England FA Cup final or the country of his choice in Europe, flying Thai International.

Three votes are awarded to the best player of each club in every State League game. These votes are awarded on the basis of "Soccer Action" ratings and the judgement of the opposition coach. This voting format was arrived at by the State League management committee.

Ametec Travel also sponsored our Top Scorer Award.

The leading sharpshooter for the 1992 league season wins a trip to Singapore, flying Thai International.

Gus Macleod of Ajax and George Cross midfielder are tied on 13 goals each followed by Ajax's Paul Lewis with 11 goals and Dave Brogan of Croatia with 10.

kick outside the box was awarded. Tony van Baar took it and smacked a low shot through the defensive wall and into goal with Wilhelmina keeper Ken Barclay unsighted.

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	Frank C. S'shine	Falcons Polonia	Albion Rwood	H-Hak North	Croydon Doves	G. Cross V Ajax	Juve V Croatia
TIM WHITE	Frank C.	Draw	Albion	Draw	Croydon	Draw	Croatia
LAURIE SCHWAB	S'shine	Polonia	Albion	North	Croydon	Ajax	Draw
CRAIG MACKENZIE	S'shine	Polonia	Albion	Draw	Croydon	Ajax	Draw
BILL VOJTEK	S'shine	Polonia	Draw	North	Croydon	Ajax	Croatia
JOE PICIOANE	S'shine	Polonia	Draw	Draw	Croydon	Ajax	Croatia

Croatia easily but Kiss isn't happy

CROATIA 3 (Drinoczy o.g., Batynovic, Latif) FRANKSTON CITY 1 (Wall).

CROATIA: Blasby 7 — Adams 7, Parton 7, Antolovic 7, Morovic 7 — Murphy 6, Faulkner 7, Gojovic 7 (Dacic 5th) — Batynovic 7, Latif 7, Brogan 7.
FRANKSTON: Peterson 7 — D. Whiteside 6, Drinoczy 7, Pye 6, Ormond 6 — C. Whiteside 7, Cooke 6, Tutill 7, Sekulski 6 (Mitchell 7th) — Wall 8, Buchanan 6.

A top class side would have run up a cricket score against Frankston which defensively was inept and gave the ball away with almost unbelievable ease.

Kevin Wall battled his heart out for the Baysiders. He was my pick as their best because

he got little support up front yet kept offering himself, scored a fine goal and went close two other times.

Rob Stewart was suspended and Carlos Goncalves is holidaying in Europe. So struggling Frankston was up against it from the outset.

Its cause wasn't helped when it gave away a soft goal in the 28th minute. Keeper Frank Petersen made a hash of a goalkick. The ball was back inside the Frankston area in seconds where sweeper David Pye inexplicably tapped it square to the waiting Kenny Murphy. The Croatia star's

low shot was heading for the far post and Petersen looked to have it well covered but young Paul Drinoczy stuck out a foot when trying to clear and deflected the ball into his own goal.

A minute later scores should have been level. The incoming Wall slid down and shot at the far post only to watch in dismay as the ball hit off the other post and was scrambled clear.

Seven minutes later Osman Latif cut in from the left and his low shot cannoned off the near post. Steve Gojovic was following in and knocked the ball across the face of goal where the incoming Ned Batynovic simply tapped it in to the open goal from a metre out.

Wall got the goal his honest endeavour deserved in the 57th minute. He was just outside as a long through ball caught Croatia blatantly square at the back. Peter Blasby charged some 35 metres out but Wall was there first to firmly lob the ball into the unguarded goal.

Frankston though, never looked likely to level its hopes. They were shattered when Latif just swung a boot hopefully at the ball from 12 metres and watched it trundle in off the far post.

'BARBARIC' ADAM HITS AT AJAX

AJAX 3 (Macleod, Peter Lewis, Paul Lewis) HELLAS-HAKOAH 1 (Cummings)

AJAX: Danyis 7 — Peter Lewis 8, Gardiner 8, Cannell 7, Hopton 7 — Boyle 8, Smallman (inj. Vassallo 15th 7) — Murray 7, Macdonald 7, Paul Lewis 8, Williams 7 (Bennett 82nd).

HELLAS-HAKOAH: Fryser 6 — Davidson 7, Kallistides 7, Hanneke (inj. Trafficante 24th 7, inf. Tsalis 7th 1), Rooney 7 — Bosnovski 7, Owens 7, Kakantoni 7, Gray 8 — Abrams 7, Cummings 8.

Hellas-Hakoah coach Jim Adam slammed Ajax after this match.

"The methods used by Green Gully were barbaric," he said.

"My advice to opposition sides is to wear shin pads

around their chests. It's the fouling and hacking of Green Gully is atrocious.

"We're going nowhere until coaches accept responsibility for their team's performance."

Ajax opened its account in the 11th minute. Paul Lewis broke free down the right, crossed low in behind the Hellas-Hakoah defence and Gus Macleod tapped in for an easy goal.

Hellas-Hakoah hit back in the 25th minute with a gem of a goal from Duncan Cummings. The former Hellas (PSL) star took a free kick and chipped the defensive wall and beat stranded Lou Denys.

Big Peter Lewis restored Ajax's lead with a tremendous solo effort in the 35th minute. The aggressive right back took off on a 50 metre run, brushed through three half hearted tackles and slammed the ball past advancing Hellas-Hakoah keeper Mike Fryser.

Ajax wrapped it up in the 70th minute. Vasil Vassallo intercepted a pass in midfield and played the ball to Gus Macleod. The big Ajax striker "meandered" past two opponents and set up Paul Lewis who stroked the ball home.

Wilhelmina draws with 10 men

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Carroll) MORWELL FALCONS 1 (T. van Baar)

WILHELMINA: Barclay 6 — Anderson (sent off 20th), Luyten 6, de Graaf 6, Vermeier 7 — Gibson 7, Trent 7 (inj. Stewart H.T. 6), Thom 6 — Hoyland 8, Carroll 8, Stewart 8.
FALCONS: Whiteside 7 — Smart 5, Higham 6, Irvine 7, Neale 8 — O'Connor 6 (Lackey 75th), O. Callaghan 6, Bingham 7 — Bona 6 (disallowed 55th 6), Mitten 7, T. van Baar 6.

Ringwood Wilhelmina came out of this poor spectacle with a creditable point considering that it was reduced to 10 men in the 20th minute when defender Alex Anderson was sent off.

Wilhelmina hit the front in the 17th minute. Dave Hoyland crossed from the right, little Ken Stewart outjumped Grant Smart to head down to Joe Carroll who slammed the ball in from the edge of the six yard box.

Three minutes later a tussle developed between Anderson and Tony van Baar. Referee John van Baalhuizen, making his senior State League debut,

whistled for a free kick to Anderson who appeared to be held by van Baar. Anderson didn't like the treatment he got from Falcons' tall, blond headed striker and retaliated.

Referee van Baalhuizen sent Anderson off for allegedly kicking van Baar. Joe Trent had played two nutmegs and neatly laid the ball off early to

a team mate as John Higham challenged in the 22nd minute. Higham kept going, collected Trent and was booked. Trent limped through the rest of the half and was replaced at the break by Hank Streus.

Nine minutes into the second stanza Falcons levelled. Player-coach Dave O'Connor was fouled. I was sure that the infringement took place just inside the area but a free

kick outside the box was awarded. Tony van Baar took it and smacked a low shot through the defensive wall and into goal with Wilhelmina keeper Ken Barclay unsighted.

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New Scots for Doveton

DOVETON 0 GEORGE CROSS 1 (Rigby penalty)

DOVETON: Keogh 8 — Train 7, Hulsi 8, Marwick 7, K. Middleton 7 — McIlvor 7, Andrews 7, Waterhouse 8, Webster 7, Thurlow 7, Quin 7.
GEORGE CROSS: Leckie 8 — O'Leary 7, Morgan 7 (inj. Mizz 57th), Bilusic 8, Soerri 7 — Vella 8, Rigby 8, McCann 6 (inj. Pisan 80th), Kotsavali 6 — Toal 7, Gilroy.

Scottish imports John Dowie and Ian Stirling are due to arrive this week to give Doveton a slight hope of kicking clear of relegation.

Dowie, 27, a midfielder from Clyde, has

been chased by the Doves for most of this year.

Stirling, 21, has an impressive record. Last season he was the leading league scorer with Renfrew juniors but three seasons before that he was with Glasgow Rangers. Two seasons ago he was the leading scorer in Rangers' reserves with 25 goals to his name.

The presence of these two is crucial to whatever faint hope remains for the Doves to avoid the drop.

George Cross snatched the points at Waratah Reserve on Sunday thanks to an 87th minute penalty awarded for handball. Dave Rigby added to his impressive scoring record this season by making no mistake from the spot.

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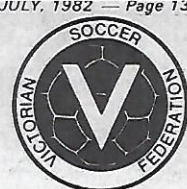
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A 'four pointer': Innes

Sunshine 0 Albion Rovers 2 (Cutler penalty, Lloyd).

SUNSHINE: Masseni 6 — Muzil 7, Lowe 7, Gransberg 6, Taylor 5 — Bain 5, Waters 7, P. Nelson 5 — McNally 5 (Mudrinic 78th), Pate 6, D. Nelson 7.

ALBION: Lacock 6 — Cutler 8, Croxson 8, A. McMillan 7, Nisbett 6 (Inf. S. McMillan HT 7), F. Nelson 5, Kelly 6, Murphy 6, Smart 7 — Lloyd 8, Coyte 8.

A Rob Gramsbergen handball and a comedy of errors from a free kick were enough to sink Sunshine and give Albion an important victory in this local derby.

With five minutes of a tough, fast first half left Benice Ferrie crossed. Kevin Lloyd rose high and headed goalward and Gramsbergen handled with keeper Danny Lacock beaten. Bob Nesbitt, Albion's usual penalty taker, had taken a knock minutes earlier so right back Gary Cutler strode to the spot and gave Albion a 1-0 half time lead.

Sunshine sealed its own fate in the 80th minute. It was a free just outside the Albion area. Norrie Pate tried to roll the ball back for Rob Nelson to shoot. In nipped John Creany to send a long ball downfield and Kevin Lloyd broke free into a one-on-one with Dennis Masseni, neatly slipping the ball past the stranded Sunshine keeper.

The Shiners though were not without their chances. The finishing problem which has beset them for most of the league season was evident as Norrie Pate, once, and Roger Bain, twice, failed to convert.

"This win was worth four points to us," said Albion assistant coach John Innes.

"We started the day two points behind Sunshine and a loss would have been a disaster. We ended up above the Shiners on goal difference and the win will do a lot for the confidence of our lads."

"We're up against Ringwood next week. Earlier in the season we came back with just ten men against Ringwood to wipe out a 2-0 deficit so this win against Sunshine should give us the boost we need to go on from here."

Western Suburbs made it 10 wins from 11 games when it downed First Division rival Box Hill at Wembley Park on Saturday but it was a costly victory for the side coached by former Socceroo Billy Vojtek.

Suburbs defender Daxi Kypiridis broke his leg in the 88th minute and won't play again this season. Suburbs already were depleted when they learned that 19 year old midfielder George Lekkas was involved in a five car collision on Friday night. Lekkas received whiplash in the accident and his neck is in a brace. Like Kypiridis his season seems to have come to an untimely end.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE MORELAND 1 (Hamill) KEW CITY 2 (Lynn, Macleod)

MORELAND: Vasilou 6, Tennant 8, Waters 7, Oates 6, Nadoy 7, Dorrance 6, Pasterlet 6 (Moraghan 50th G), Hamill 8, Leo 7, Paola 7, Avestas 7.

KEW: Lukac 7, Ogden 6, Lyness 9, McCluskey 9, Stewart 7, Parsons 7, McElhinney 7 (Lynn H.T. 8), Petrov 7 (Droughe 70th), Dall 8, Macleod 8, Williams 6.

This entertaining clash was highlighted by two superb goals from visitor Kew City. A late rally from Moreland almost paid off. It was shades of Kew's 2-2 draw against Slavia in its previous game.

Kew opened its account three minutes into the second half when Frank Macleod sent Mark Dall down the right. Dall took the ball to the by-line then crossed far post where half time substitute Mike Lynn capped a fine move off with a brilliant header.

These three players combined to make it 2-0 in the 70th minute. Dall took a throw-in on the right, found Lynn, who beat his defender easily then crossed and Macleod's diving header sent the ball in off the underside of the bar.

Strangely Macleod dropped back to protect Kew's lead and it invited Moreland to take the game up to the visitors.

An overhead kick by Hamill in the 80th minute went in



Robert Mirak — hero of Holland Park's victory over Batman Lazio

after contacting the hand of the diving Mike Lukac and the crossbar.

Even though Kew brought a lot of pressure upon itself it managed to hold out till full time and deservedly so. It was the better side on the day.

DIVISION TWO PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 SPRINGVALE CITY 2 (Settle, Patten).

SPRINGVALE CITY: Runja, Koogh, Wessels, Helbig, Settle, Gollen, Malt, Pandey, Lennon, Patten, Greener.

BEST PLAYERS: Preston: Culon, Beech, Springvale: Patten, Wessels.

Springvale kicked with the wind, and after an even start got on top. Near misses by Greener, Patten and Settle foreshadowed the first goal after 30 minutes.

John Patten pushed a short ball to full back Robin Settle who crashed home a dipping 30 yard drive. Five minutes later, Greener chipped over a perfect cross from the left for Patten to head home.

After the break, Preston took advantage of the wind to push City into defence, but on the break, Patten nearly capitalised on a defensive error when hitting an upright. After this, Preston strove hard to find a way through a resolute Springvale defence but to no avail.

DANDENONG CITY 0 ARDEER 1 (Wisniewski)

DANDENONG CITY: Price, Coville, Kelly, Doan, Porter, Gadsby, Wilcox, Wetherston, Fox, Bone, Donnelly, Dolaney, Vanhart, Sparrow.

ARDEER: Darch, Kuczynski, Bichaz, Olinowski, Czarnicki, J. Christoudias, Wisniewski, Gamsani, Dykun, N. Christoudias, Saliba.

BEST PLAYERS: Dandenong City: Price, Bone, Donnelly, Ardeer: Dykun, J. Christoudias, Wisniewski.

Ardeer surprised the highly placed Dandenong City with some bright, vigorous soccer early in the game, originating from the midfield dominance of Dykun and Gamsani.

Early scoring chances to Christoudias and Saliba were well saved by Dandy keeper Price. Dandy's attacks from Bone and Wilcox were kept out by Ardeer's keeper Darch.

After half time Dandy played good possessive soccer, putting Ardeer's defence under tremendous pressure, but Christoudias, Czarnicki, Blichaz, Olinowski and Keene Darch were equals to the occasion and kept Dandy scoreless.

Ardeer's goal came in the 81st minute when Dykun sent Kuczynski through, who laid off a lovely ball to Wisniewski who gave Dandy keeper Price no chance from 20 metres. Ar-

deer's fine overall team performance was rewarded with its best win of the season.

DIVISION THREE NORTH DANDENONG 2 (Wright 2) SUNBURY 0

NTH DANDENONG: Beamish 6, Weinwright 7, Byron 7, Wall 7, Dino 7, Kerr 6, Pop 7, Taylor 6, Wright 8, Mackie 8, Collier 7.

SUNBURY LTD: Grech 6, Gray 6, Maric 7, Clarke 6, Blackley 6, Duncan 7, Train 6, Campbell 8, Evans 6, Gilligan 6, McCorquodale 6.

BEST PLAYERS: Nth Dandy: Mackie, Wright, Weinwright, Sunbury Ltd: Campbell, Maric, Duncan.

North Dandenong easily accounted for a poor Sunbury team on Saturday. The first goal was scored in the 18th minute when Wright headed home from a corner on the left.

Sunbury were under pressure continuously and conceded a second goal in the 50th minute when Wright crashed home a low cross from the right wing.

In the second half Sunbury never threatened the North Dandenong goal and were a well beaten team.

PORT MELBOURNE 2 (Palatsides, Kostopoulos) MORNINGTON 2 (Runje 21)

PORT MELBOURNE: A. Karamouzli 8, M. Hatzopoulos, D. Foris 5, M. Wiazek, A. Kotzianichis, J. Kostopoulos, M. Potrosen, A. Savage, N. Lazarides, J. Palatsides.

MORNINGTON: Runje 21, M. Hatzopoulos, D. Foris 5, M. Wiazek, A. Kotzianichis, J. Kostopoulos, M. Potrosen, A. Savage, N. Lazarides, J. Palatsides.

A game, vital to both teams, at the top of the ladder, should have proved a close match. The Dandenong men put up an inspired performance at a crucial stage of the competition. The West Brunswick team also played well, as ex-



Springvale's John Patten, then with Ajax, tackles Croatia striker Carl Gilder, who's now with George Cross

M. Hamakions, P. Tsolakis, C. Staurides.

Port — J. Palatsides, N. Lazarides — Morn — Runje 2.

BEST PLAYERS: Port: J. Palatsides, J. Kostopoulos, A. Savage. Mornington shocked Port when they scored in the opening minute through Runje. Port was quick to reply when Palatsides received the ball from a delicate chip from Savage and equalized from an angle.

A minute later Runje put Mornington ahead again. It was not long before Lazarides pounced on a defensive blunder to put Port back on level terms.

After the interval Port should have gone ahead when Palatsides was brought down in the area. The usually reliable Petersen failed to convert the penalty.

Mornington was denied towards the end of the game by great keeping from Karamouzli.

ELTHAM 0 THOMASTOWN 2 (Hebble, Pagliasso)

ELTHAM: Potter, Stewart, Herman, P. Cirka, Medzio, Kenna, I. Forrester, Lawis, Shaw, Briggs, G. Forrester, Ros. M. Cirka, Gillespie, Carey.

Two goals in the first 10 minutes enabled Thomastown to take both points. Eltham had no answer to the fast tackling and quick passing of their opponents in the first period of the game and were lucky to be only two goals down at the interval.

The second half was a different story. Joe Herman was moved to centre-forward and immediately Eltham gained the initiative. Bad luck kept their score sheet blank as they struck the bar and post no less than four times in a hectic final 30 minutes.

BEST PLAYERS: Eltham: Herman, I. Forrester, Lawis Shaw, Thomastown: Griffiths, Dallas, Hebble, Epifano.

Provisional Division Three STH DANDENONG 7 (M. Romero 4, Contreras penalty, Sanchez penalty, Bartlett). WEST BRUNSWICK 0

SOUTH DANDENONG: H. Tapia, A. Alvarez (F. Romero 75th), J. Saladrigas, J. Vega, E. Amorotti, C. Bartlett, E. Sanchez, M. Romero, R. Contreras (G. De La Paz 75th), R. Vega, A. Urrutia.

WEST BRUNSWICK: R. Perocchio, J. Gomez, G. Faoro, G. Figueroa, I. Barca, P. Arco, M. Cabrera, A. Centinich, G. Alfonso, M. Saz.

BEST PLAYERS: South Dandenong: M. Romero, J. Saladrigas, C. Bartlett, West Brunswick: G. Faoro, I. Barca, M. Cabrera.

A game, vital to both teams, at the top of the ladder, should have proved a close match. The Dandenong men put up an inspired performance at a crucial stage of the competition. The West Brunswick team also played well, as ex-

pected of the leaders, but this was South's day.

Miguel Romero, having a lean time of late, came into his own scoring four times from close quarters. Two penalties came South's way, neatly converted by Roberto Contreras and Eduardo Sanchez.

Colin Bartlett, always the thorn in the opposition's play, completed the rout with a solo effort down the right wing.

The West Brunswick goalkeeper got his 'marching orders' from excellent referee Jim Brennan, in the 64th minute, which did nothing for the leaders' cause.

All credit to West Brunswick for giving their bit to the final whistle. But this was South's day.

DIVISION FOUR BATMAN LAZIO 1 (Mimo) HOLLAND PARK 4 (Mirak, Ilhan, Gonullu, Polito o.g.)

BATMAN: Collette 5, Dunst 6, Guerra 5, Polito 5, Lombardo 6, Mochi 7, Mimo 7, Becker 8, Dobson 7, Jordan 7 (Valentino 70th), Cipriani 6 (Ennio 75th).

HOLLAND PARK: Kotan 7, Solak 7, Sir 7, Gunerli 7, Kaprol 7, Yalva 8, Kahol 7 (Ennio 55th), Kaka 8, Ilhan 7, Mirak 9 (Omorgulu 80th), Savic 7.

Holland Park showed why it is perched on top of this league with a well deserved win over Batman Lazio which never put it together.

The player behind Holland Park's win was former George Cross midfielder Robert Mirak who was outstanding.

Batman took the lead through Mimo after E. Mochi fought in a cross from the left in the 7th minute within minutes Polito turned a weak cross into his own goal to level the scores.

Holland Park was all over Batman in the second half and scored three times to win with ease.

SELECTIONS

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

Saturday: New City v Frankston Pines (draw), Albion Gate Vender v Essendon Rivers (draw), Slavia v MORELAND: BOX HILL v Ball Park.

Sunday: Kallit: Austria v WESTWICK: RICHMOND v Koss City: FAWKNER: SUBURBS v Albion City.

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: RINGWOOD v St Albans: WAVERLEY v Heidelberg: Dandenong: Forrester JUST v BRADMEAD:V. Arden v Werribee (draw), Stn Mch: Mardulac v Melbourne (draw), Hodel: vpx Alexander v Preston: Makedonia v United v played at S.T. Connor Reserve: Springvale City v DANDENONG CITY.

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: YALLURN v Brighton: NUNAWADING CITY v Nth Dandenong: SUNBURY v Carli: THOMASTOWN v Keyborough: Royal Richmond v PORT MELBOURNE: MORNINGTON v CALANG: PRAIRIAN v Eltham.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: Mooraback v Resbank (draw), Geelong v CAULFIELD: Fennell Gully v ESSENDON: TRIESTINA: ST DAVEIGH v Mooraback: Nth Geelong v Winton (draw): SANDRINGHAM v Chelsea: Mooraback v GREENSDOROUGH.

PROVISIONAL

DIVISION ONE

Saturday: Stn Albans v LAZIO LTD: NUNAWADING LTD v Langwicks: NAWTHON v Clayton: Ballarat v Rosanna (draw): SHEPPARTON CITY v East Brunswick: HANNSBURG v Carlton: KARRIGAL LTD v Melfon.

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: MORRISON v Boronia: ABBOTS-FORD TASIA v Central City: CHANDLER v Moe Ltd: REGENT v Kyneton: West Melbourne v MALVERN City: Berwick City v CLIFTON HILL: Duffon v YARRAVILLE.

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: DALLAS CITY v Albion Ltd: CLARINDA v Hampton Wonders: BRUNSWICK CITY v Utd. of Melbourne: Muresse Fend v Danby (draw): West Geelong v STH DANDENONG: West Brunswick v Cheltenham (draw): Mooraback v MITCHAM.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: MURRUMBEENA v Acorn Utd: Seafield v Nth Sandhill (draw): Mardulac v Ranges v HOLLAND PARK: PASCOE VALE v Glenelg: BATMAN LAZIO v East Carlton: PORT UTD v Nth Melbourne: SPRINGVALE UTD v Vermont.

ANATEL LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

Sunday: Macleod Utd v BALWIN CITY (at Mchly Park): Melbourne Utd v BIGANOUR HILLS (at Power Road, Doreville): CHADSTONE v Lyndale Utd: PARKMORE v Hoss Utd: BUNDORA v Lardrie Utd: SALACAVA v Meadow Park: MACCART: HANNAH v Pindit Junction.

DIVISION TWO

Sunday: RAFF MELBOURNE v Esping Thistle: WANDERLY UTD v Concordia: BMIT v Melbourne: DIAMOND CREEK v West Utd: Bacter v KODYONG BANDERS: GEELONG UTD v St Beasts.

YOUTH LEAGUE

SOUTH EAST

Sunday: CROYDON v Mooraback: SPRINGVALE UTD v Box Hill.

NORTH WEST

Sunday: DANDENONG CITY v George Cross: Brighton v HEATH HANNAH (kick-off 1.15 pm): Jowett v GREENSDOROUGH.

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Italians tops again

By JOE PICIOANE

FAWKNER 5 (B. Sabidussi 3, Bozikaas, Curcija) RICHMOND 1 (Young) at Jukes Road.

FAWKNER: B. Tazini 7, S. Sabidussi 7, C. Petrov 7, C. Fattore 7, T. Schipano 7, C. Sabidussi 7 (Curcija 70th), B. Sabidussi 7, T. Malmont 7, I. Tuffield 8, A. Bozikaas 7, M. Anselma 7.

RICHMOND: Kise 6, Skinner 6, Straubinger 6, Brewerton 7, Hegedus 6, Koutos 6, Drossler 6, Druttmann 6, James 6, Beer 6, Young 6.

This follow up to the World Cup Final saw the Italians again victorious.

Fawkner started slowly, then in the 30th minute Bruno Sabidussi, through some fine football, shot for goal but hit the crossbar.

Fawkner forced a corner in the 35th minute with Carlo Sabidussi crossing to Bruno Sabidussi who capitalised and headed it in at the near post.

Then Andy Bozikaas, from 20 metres let fly with a right foot shot that gave the keeper no chance, to give Fawkner a 2-0 lead.

Richmond fought back through Bruce Young who received a crossfield ball to beat two opponents and the keeper to make the score 2-1.

Fawkner, determined not to let this game slip away, played attacking football which led to Bruno Sabidussi scoring his second goal.

Richmond's Brewerton was having a good game at the back, but it was Manenti and Tuffield who never stopped, giving Richmond's defence extra work. The work of these two helped Sabidussi complete his hat-trick.

Richmond continued to fight on, but with the score at 4-1 it seemed a hopeless task. Then Curcija netted to make it 5-1 and a good convincing win for Fawkner, which surely must earn a place in the 1983 State League now.

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Avala's in arms

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

Croatia lost a point at Mona Park (it has a habit of doing that against Auburn), Blacktown subdued Monaro, Sutherland rocked Rockdale, Manly won the derby at Cromer Park against Canterbury and Riverwood was a trifle lucky to escape with a point against Avala.

Bankstown moved off the bottom after a 1-1 draw with "draw specialist" Polonia to conclude the week-end's State League games, but it still is anyone's guess as to who will make the top four at the end of the 26 rounds, or who is to drop down to the First Division next season.

Auburn 0 Croatia 0

AUBURN: Walker, Guigley, McInerney, Prongme, Sullivan, Atwell, Turner, Dale, Allan, (Kinsey 79'). Holloway, Carney.

CROATIA: Stacey, Woods, Tomasek, Stacey, Coleman, Vidica, D. Rezo, (Djukić 56'), Savar, Galic, Coyne (Carrizzo 68'), Monaro.

A game of two halves with Croatia being the better side in the first and the home side, Auburn, in the second.

Croatia, the leading State League side, has a solid defence, but its front line is yet to show its true form.

Auburn, the side with no great illusions about 1982 after a poor start to the season, showed respect for its much fancied opponent during the first half and almost paid dearly for it.

In the 33rd minute it was Walker who made a brilliant save from a point blank header by Coleman, then Allan wasted a chance at the other end for Auburn.

Despite the scoreline, it was an entertaining game with the second half providing most of the spills and thrills. Djukić replaced Rezo, then Carrizzo came in for Coyne in an effort to lift Croatia, but with little change in play, while Kinsey came on for luckless Allan for Auburn.

Inter Monaro 1 Blacktown 4

Scorers: Santolillo (10'), Burrows 2, Kirwan, C. Campbell (10').

INTER MONARO: Caputo, Frances, Santolillo, Ridley, McCready, Colbath, Lawler, Link, Sheridan (McLeod 72'), W. Valeri, Heywood.

BLACKTOWN: James, Wheatley, Guarnsey, Brogan, Palmer, Salvaggio, O'Shane, Krstic (22' Campbell), Burrows, Johnston, Kirwan.

Blacktown Demons scored into a 2-0 lead midway through the first half then had to fight for their lives for the rest of the game as Inter Monaro opened the game up in an obvious attempt to shake Blacktown's backline and make inroads through their fast and entertaining Valeri.

Heywood — link front line. Branko Krstic started the move which led to Blacktown's first in the 19th minute. His pass found Johnston with some space on the wing, the cross followed and Paul Kirwan was on the spot to head past Caputo.

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This week's hat-trick heroes:

Mark Howells, 14 (Nunawading City), Steve Keenan, 14, four goals, Billy Redmond, 11, six goals, John Brem, 12 (Springvale City), John Chilton, 12 (Croydon), Andrew Liarakas, 12 (five goals, Bill Theodoropoulos, 12 (Lloyd Street Central), Robert Alessi, 9, five goals (Gawler), Kevin Gauvain, 13 (Clifton Hill United), Mark Sarrentino, 9, four goals (Fawkner), John Whitte, 10, Bradley Zealley, 10, Dine Perfitte, 12 (Lyndale United), Carey Watters, 9, four goals. Mat-

RESULTS OF ROUND 19

Auburn — Croatia 0-0
Yugel — Melita 1-3 McIntosh (V), Cross 2.
Campbell (UE)
Riverwood — Avala 2-2 Stoddart, D. Smith (R), Karanfilovski, Butler (A)
Sutherland — Rockdale 3-0 Harrington 2.
Rogers
Manly — Canterbury 3-2 Van Helden, Regan, Luck (M), Titlis, Arnold (C)
Inter Monaro — Blacktown 1-4 Santolillo (M), Burrows 2, Kirwan, Campbell.
Polonia — Bankstown 1-1 Kolarowski (P), Bourke (B)
Croatia — 19 12 5 2 3 7 29
Blacktown — 19 11 5 3 36 32 27
Sutherland — 10 10 4 4 33 17 24
Manly Warringah — 10 10 4 5 34 24 24
Canterbury — 19 9 5 5 32 22 23
Riverwood — 18 10 3 5 36 29 23
Melita Eagles — 10 6 7 30 25 18
Yugel — 18 6 7 26 32 17
Avala — 19 4 8 31 22 16
Polonia — 19 4 8 14 17 18
Auburn — 19 5 6 16 24 15
Inter Monaro — 19 5 11 22 11 11
Rockdale — 18 2 5 12 22 46 9
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This Week's Results

St George Stadium: Rockdale — Polonia Sunday
Blacktown — Manly Warringah, Gables
Bankstown — Inter Monaro, Seagrave Centre
Avala — Sutherland, Knight Park
Melita — Riverwood, Melita
Canterbury — Auburn, Adelaide
Croatia — Yugel, King Tomlinson
Top Scorers:
11 Arnold (CM), Bush (S)
10 Parker, Walker (R)
9 Smith (MW)
8 Holloway (A), Jones (B)
7 Burrows (B), Titlis (CM), Allan (M)
6 Karanfilovski (A), Hansen (C), Valeri (M), Regan (MW), Farrugia (M)
5 Hansen (B), R. Hill (CM), Nole (M), Schultz (R), Rodas, Burrows (V)

Only six minutes later young Johnstone was in the thick of things again as he received a pass from Michael Quarmby before passing to Burrows, whose shot on the turn beat Caputo to make it 2-0.

In the 26th minute Monaro came back after a new cross from Ian Heywood. Santolillo, the tall Monaro sweeper, was in the middle to nod the ball home past James.

Blacktown's fireworks started early in the second half with both sides committed to attack.

Once James made a fine save from Walter Valeri in the 60th, then was beaten by the same player some ten minutes later, but the goal was disallowed for offside.

Blacktown came back at Monaro in the closing stages to clinch its win. With five minutes remaining Burrows beat three players before snaking the ball past Caputo from some 15 metres to make it 3-1.

Then Johnstone and Kirwan combined to set up a scoring opportunity for Clive Campbell. In the last minute, which Blacktown's newcomer took with ease.

The win takes Blacktown to within striking distance of Croatia and with the game against the State League leader coming up on August 14, it is now evident that Blacktown has not given up hope of winning the premiership.

Riverwood 2 Avala 2

Scorers: Stoddart, D. Smith (R), Karanfilovski, Deller (A).

RIVERWOOD: Galsborough, Berry (M), Stacey, Foster, Smith, Butcher, Juchnicwicz, Parker, Tracy, Walker, Stoddart, James.

AVALA: Ahrens, Lombryk, Milne, Barton, Vujinovic, Djukić, Patterson, Williams, Tilt (80' Wotton), Deller, Karanfilovski.

"We wuz robbed" came a cry from Avala's camp following their 2-2 draw with Riverwood at Hurstville.

With 19 minutes remaining in this match and Riverwood and Avala at one goal a piece an incident provoked the above comments from the coach of Avala, Steve Lalic. Stoddart, Riverwood's schemer, took a shot at goal from way out. The ball suddenly dipped as it approached the goal line and Paul Ahrens hurriedly snatched the ball from under the crossbar.

The linesman flagged towards the centre spot indicating that the ball had crossed the line in the air and the referee, Mr. Tooke agreed giving Riverwood the lead.

That decision was disputed by Avala players, but to no avail.

In the last seconds of the match, Avala snatched an equaliser through Steve Deller, following a corner kick.

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Rogers
Manly — Canterbury 3-2 Van Helden, Regan, Luck (M), Titlis, Arnold (C)
Inter Monaro — Blacktown 1-4 Santolillo (M), Burrows 2, Kirwan, Campbell.
Polonia — Bankstown 1-1 Kolarowski (P), Bourke (B)
Croatia — 19 12 5 2 3 7 29
Blacktown — 19 11 5 3 36 32 27
Sutherland — 10 10 4 4 33 17 24
Manly Warringah — 10 10 4 5 34 24 24
Canterbury — 19 9 5 5 32 22 23
Riverwood — 18 10 3 5 36 29 23
Melita Eagles — 10 6 7 30 25 18
Yugel — 18 6 7 26 32 17
Avala — 19 4 8 31 22 16
Polonia — 19 4 8 14 17 18
Auburn — 19 5 6 16 24 15
Inter Monaro — 19 5 11 22 11 11
Rockdale — 18 2 5 12 22 46 9
Rockdale — 18 2 5 11 20 14 9

This Week's Results

St George Stadium: Rockdale — Polonia Sunday
Blacktown — Manly Warringah, Gables
Bankstown — Inter Monaro, Seagrave Centre
Avala — Sutherland, Knight Park
Melita — Riverwood, Melita
Canterbury — Auburn, Adelaide
Croatia — Yugel, King Tomlinson
Top Scorers:
11 Arnold (CM), Bush (S)
10 Parker, Walker (R)
9 Smith (MW)
8 Holloway (A), Jones (B)
7 Burrows (B), Titlis (CM), Allan (M)
6 Karanfilovski (A), Hansen (C), Valeri (M), Regan (MW), Farrugia (M)
5 Hansen (B), R. Hill (CM), Nole (M), Schultz (R), Rodas, Burrows (V)

Deiler's header beat Galsborough to give Avala the point.

"It was the worst piece of refereeing I have seen for many years," said the Avala's coach after the match. "We received four yellow cards and a red card and Riverwood came off scott free, in a game which had a few rough moments but never one-way hacking as it appears by the referees decisions."

"He (the referee) had the audacity to ask me after the game which one of my players he sent off. Can you imagine that?" said Lalic, still shaken by some of Mr. Tooke's decisions.

"At one stage during the first half it was Lembyrk who committed a foul and he (the referee) booked Vujinovic! Subsequently, Vujinovic received his second card in the 80th minute and was sent off. If the referee knew what he was doing it would have been only the first offence for Vujinovic," remarked Avala's coach.

In a game which was reminiscent of their first encounter at Knight Park, Avala appeared to be more than holding their own against a much more fancied opponent, and looked set to win the match.

Down to ten men and down 1-2, Avala came back to make it 2-2 in the closing stages of this match. At Knight Park last April, it was Riverwood who equalised in the last minute to make it 2-2.

David Smith gave Riverwood the lead in the 22nd minute, while Branko Karanfilovski scored after a solo run in the 41st minute of the first half to make it 1-1.

Manly 3 Canterbury 2

Scorers: Van Helden, Regan, Luck (MW), Titlis, Arnold (CM).

MANLY: Ellis, K. Falconer, Russell, Croft, Wilson, Luck, Noble, P. Falconer, Van Helden, Regan, Stuart (Fox 83').

CANTERBURY: El Zain, Bartolin (Mokovic 67'), Laws, Lane, Titlis, Angonastopoulos, Bastfield, Georgi, Arnold, Themidias, Brown (Hail 19').

Manly led twice during the first half but Canterbury managed to bounce back and even the score before Barry Luck clinched the issue with a fine goal some 19 minutes from time.

It was an evenly contested game with Manly having the slightest of edges at Cromer Park.

Van Helden shot Manly into an early lead, after only eight minutes. Stuart Regan provided the cross which led to Van Helden's goal. Four minutes later Titlis made it 1-1, then Manly bounced back to go one up again.

This time it was Van Helden who provided the service and Regan the finishing touch to give Manly a slender lead. The lead lasted only three minutes for Arnold was on the spot to pick up a rebound off the crossbar and make it 2-2.

Four goals after 27 minutes!

However, the fireworks action ended there. Both sides tightened their defences and the game looked destined to end in a draw until Luck drove the ball from just inside the box and at an angle into the top far corner past Elzein to make it 3-2.

It was a deserved win for Manly, who showed a more enterprise and better shooting on the day. With a little more luck Manly could have won by a better margin.

Twice Manly players hit the woodwork and once a goal by Van Helden was cancelled off for offside.

NEOS CRIPAMBOE THE AOTAE 5 - 0

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KAI IO APO TO KATONTON XIA

Ηλικιωτές ομαδική και δυνατή ή πρωτοπόρος της β' κατηγορίας του Προβιζιοναλ ΑΟΤΑ ΓΙΑΡΡΑΒΙΑ νίκησε το Ρήτζεντ στην έδρα της με 5-0 το οποίο πριν μία βδομάδα είχε φέρει Ισοπαλία με το κλάιτον χιλ.

Η κυανόλευκος το Γιάρραβιλ εδωχρίστησε με το παίγνιδι της τούς φιλάθλους της και ανέδειξε ότι δίκαια βρίσκεται στην 1η θέση, κάτι που μερικοί άσπονδοι έχρηστοι της προσπάθησαν να διαφύσουν πριν λίγες μέρες με αποτέλεσμα να καταπνούν την γλώσσα τους.

Παρά το ότι δεν αγωνίστηκαν οι Νικολάϊ ής, Γκαμπλίνης, Καρβίδας και ο κάρπιν Ν. Αποστολίδης που παρεχόρισε την θέση του κίττα από το δοκάρια στον ταλαντούχο Λάσκα Ρικιάτα, η δόξα πήρε εύκολα την νίκη.

Τό σκόρ άνοιξε στο 12' ό Χύτας μετά από πένα στο Ρ. Ιελέτης και στο 40' ό ίδιος και κτης έτοιμάσε γκολ στον Πετρόδη που από κοντά έγραψε το 2-0.

Στην έπαυλη και στο 56' ό Καλλιπολίτης με έξιπνο σούτ πέτυχε το 3-0 ενώ ό Τημ Παπαχριστοδούλου στο 62' με υπέροχη κεφαλιά μετό κόνερ του Χύτα ανέβασε το σκόρ σέ 4-0.

Τό 5-0 έστιασε ό Ν. Ιελέτης στο 87' με πέναλτυ που κέρδισε ό ίδιος.

Από την ομάδα δεν ύστερησε κανένας και όλα τά παιδία έτρεφαν με διάθεση.

Πρώτος παίκτης του γηπέδου ήταν ό Πώλ Πετρόδης και τόν άκολούθησαν οι Χύτας, Ν. Ιελέτης, Τ. Παπαχριστοδούλου και Τ. Αμανατιδής.

Η διαίτησία του Ν. SID DAVIES ήταν κάτι πάρα πάνω από άριστη και βαθμολογείται με 10.

Αύστηρος, σωστός και πάντα κοντά στην φάση δεν άδίκησε κανμία ομάδα.

Δίκαια έδωσε κόνικη κάρτα σέ παίκτη του Ρήτζεντ και πολύ σωστά μόλρασε κίτρινες κάρτες στους άντιαθλητικούς σέ πολλές περιπτώσεις θερμάιμους 'Ιταλούς παίκτες.

Πρωσδήποτε θά έπρεπε νά βρίσκεται σέ πολύ μεγαλύτερη κατηγορία διαιτητών από αυτή που βρίσκεται.

Η ΑΟΕΑ έπαίξε με τούς Ρικιάτα, Χρ. Παπαχριστοδούλου, Π. Αποστολίδη, Δημητρίου, Τ. Αμανατιδής, Καλλιπολίτη, Πετρόδη, Τ. Παπαχριστοδούλου, Χύτα, Ν. Ιελέτη και Πιερσίδη.

Στο 68' ό Χρήστου πήρε την θέση του Καλλιπολίτη και στο 80' ό Σ. Αμανατιδής μπήκε γιά τόν Χρ. Παπαχριστοδούλου.

ΧΡΗΣ ΚΑΛΗ ΑΙΔΩΣΗ ΤΟ ΜΑΒΕΡΕΝ 2-2

Τό Ηλβαρν Σίτυ στο γηπεδό του δεν κατόρωσε νά πάρει την νίκη από τό δυναμικό Ηπέρικ και περιορίστηκε σέ ισοπαλία 2-2 κάτι που τόν περιορίζει τίς πιθανότητες γιά την 2η προνομιούχο θέση.

Δύο βασικά λάθη στην άμυνα έγιναν αίτια νά χάνει ή ελληνική ομάδα μέχρι τό 85' με 2-1.

Στο 40' προηγήθηκε με τόν Β. Παλαμάρα αλλά τό Ηπέρικ ισοφάρισε στο 55' και πέρασε μπροστά με 2-1 80' γιά νά ισοφάρισει ό Άρζάνας πέντε λεπτά πρό της λήξης.

Από τό Ηλβαρν δεν ξεχώρισε κανένας κι έπαίξαν οι Μακέν, Παπαδόπουλος, Τωμάς, Ζαματζίς, Β. Παλαμάρας, Βέρσος (70' Αιχούδης), Άρζάνας, Ν. Παλαμάρας, Πετρόπουλος, Τάσιος, Λιλιόλης (46' Σαμαμάρας).

Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε με 2-0 και με τέρματα τών Γεωργίου και τού τζούνιορ Γεωργιάδη.

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From left: T. Amanantidis, F. Dimitriou and S. Amantandis of Yarraville.

Τό Ι-Ι θεωρείται δίκαιο και ό βαθμός που κέρδισε ή ελληνική μας ομάδα ίσως νά της βγή χρυσάφι.

Ήδη οι ήττες της Τζάστ Β' και τού ΜΕ-γα Β' δίδουν την εύκαιρία νά έλπιζει ή όμάδα τού Μορντιάλλοκ πώς θά σωθεί από τόν υποβιβασμό.

Τό Μπροντμέντος προηγήθηκε στο 18' και τό Μορντιάλλοκ ισοφάρισε στο 85' με κεφαλιά τού Παπαρά.

Από την ομάδα ξεχώρισαν οι Μπόλαντ, Ρήη, Στογιαννίδης ενώ ό καλύτερος παίκτης ή-ταν ό Κώστας Λαζόγας.

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Η Β' ομάδα έχασε με 3-2.

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Η Β' ομάδα έφερε ισοπαλία 0-0.

Τό Σάββατο τό Ώλητ υποδέχεται στο γηπε-δό του τό Μορντμπιν Σίτυ και θά πρέπει οι παίκτες του νά προσέξουν γιά νά πά-ρουν την νίκη και νά διατηρήσουν τούς 3 βαθμούς που έχουν τώρα.

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